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US tells Russia to keep out of the Middle East

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The new agreement on strategic cooperation between the United Sates and Israel, reached during talks this week between President Reagan and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, is intended to send a clear message to the Soviet Union to stop its penetration into the Middle East, according to a senior American official.

It is also a warning to Syria, which is the main recipient of Soviet arms and other military assistance in the region, that it should urgently reconsider its persistent refusal to withdraw 40,000 of its troops from eastern Lebanon.

Although the offical insisted that the US is not planning any joint offensive military actions with Israel, it is expected the accord will produce a newsense of assertiveness by Mr Shamir's Government. This could lead to further retaliatory strikes by Israel into Syrian-occupied Lebanon.

The Reagan Administration believes that this week's visits to Washington by Mr Shamir and President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon have laid the framework for a new US-led initiative for a withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and in the longer term, reviving President Reagan's September 1, 1982, peace initiative.

US officials have described the news strategic cooperation agreement as one of the most far-reaching accords ever reached with the Jewish state.

Details of this new strategic relationship will be worked out in Washington next month by the newly-established joint political-military committee. The agreement will cover joint military planning, joint naval and air force maneouvres, the prepositioning of US military and medical supplies in Israel and the probable use of Haifa by the US Navy.

The Queen is aware of security risks during her planned visit to Jordan next spring, but a final decision on going depends on the advice of her ministers, the Queen's press secretary, Mr Michael Shea, said yesterday. The fears arise from the terror campaign being waged by an extremist Palestinian group.

Although Israel appears to gain most from the accord, it will have important military and political benefits for the US. "It makes sense for us to cooperate with one of the most proficient military powers in the world," one US official remarked.

By enhancing Israel's sense of security against Soviet penetration in the Middle East, the US hopes Mr Shamir's Government will show greater pragmatism on the issues of Israeli troop withdrawals from Lebanon, US arms sales to moderate Arab states and the President's peace initiative.

Mr Shamir's public statements in Washington provided few signs that he was prepared to be more flexible on any of these points. However, US officials are confident that Israel genuinely wants to get its troops out of southern Lebanon and will be prepared to carry out a series of partial, unilateral withdrawals. But Mr Shamir made clear that a total Israeli withdrawal could only be simultaneously carried out with a pull-out of the 40,000 Syrian troops in eastern Lebanon.

Although Mr Shamir was insistent on keeping to the letter of the May 17 Israel-Lebanon agreement, a further pull-back of Israeli forces could be negotiated with the Lebanese Government within the context of that accord. Syria has strongly condemned this agreement and refused to pull any of its troops out.

US officials noted that President Gemayel had said after meeting President Reagan that he was prepared to go beyond the letter of the law in setting up appropriate mechanisms and conditions to achieve a withdrawal of all foreign forces from his country.

President Reagan also hopes the new agreement will make Mr Shamir's Government "more mature" in its attitude towards US arms sales to moderate Arab states.



Mr Walpole and the runaway carrier in the lounge of his home.

Runaway carrier wrecks houses

An 11-ton armoured personnel carrier ran out of control yesterday, crashing into three houses and ending up in the living room of a fourth. Several people were treated for shock.

The carrier, from Borden Camp, west Sussex, careered down Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Hampshire, demolished a lamp post and took off the porch of the house of Mrs Alice Ottewell, aged 80.

The Army offered to rehouse in their married quarters anyone made homeless in the incident.

The carrier ended up embedded in the living room of Mrs Sylvia Walpole.

Another of the houses clipped by the runaway vehicle was that of Mrs Marie Hunt, who is pregnant. Her husband George, aged 29, said: "I heard a big bang like a bomb going off and the whole house shuddered with everything moving.

"I could hear my wife screaming, and ran downstairs fearing she was trapped. There were cracks in the wall of the house you could put your hands through."

Mrs Ottewell said she was in her kitchen when she heard a bang. "I ran to see what it was and my front door was down, the windows were smashed and everything was broken."

There were two men in the carrier when the accident happened.

Wrecked front of one of the four houses damaged in the accident.

Police block £5m IRA ransom

By Richard Ford and Stewart Tendler

Police throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland are working together to prevent payment by the Associated British Foods organization of a £5m ransom demanded by the Provisional IRA for the release of their kidnapped executive, Mr Don Tidey.

The ransom demanded by the terrorists last Sunday is the biggest ever made for the safe return of anyone abducted in Ireland, and is needed because the organization is short of cash to run both its military operation and the increasingly widespread campaign of its political wing, the Provisional Sinn Fein.

The demand was made by telephone to the company's headquarters at Bowater House near Hyde Park.

But the police, and government in the Republic are determined to prevent any money being paid by the firm for the release of Mr Tidey, aged 49, chairman of its Quinnsworth chain of stores in the Republic. Mr Tidey, a widower, has two sons and a daughter.

At one stage this week the company is understood to have considered the possibility of paying the ransom but Scotland Yard and the Government stepped in to forbid it. The company was told of the value of the ransom money to the Provisional IRA arsenal.

On Thursday a reply to a question in the House of Lords was used to signal to the IRA that the company would not be allowed to pay the ransom.

The question did not name Mr Tidey but it drew a reply that non-payment of ransoms was not the decision of any individual or company but a government policy.

Last night, the company said that although it would consider most things to get his safe release, they had to take account of the overriding policies of both the Irish and British governments that no demand should be paid.

Officers from the Irish police have been in London for the past week and there has been speculation that Mr Tidy might have been brought to Britain but the police believe he is still somewhere in the Irish Republic. Nor do they accept speculation that the kidnapping is the work of an active service unit in London.

Meanwhile, as detectives were questioning a man in Dublin about the kidnap which is thought to have been plotted in co Kerry, a fleet of small launches was used by detectives to reach uninhabited islands in Lough Mask and Lough Corrib and on the borders of counties Mayo and Galway in the continuing search for Mr Tidy.

The man being questioned is a prominent member of Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional IRA.

Village sealed after gang escapes trap

Hundreds of police officers, some armed, were last night searching a patch of dense woodland near Bristol for an armed gang which had escaped a police trap.

Officers armed with revolvers and shotguns had lain in wait at the village of Brockley, where it is thought the gang had planned to ambush a mail van.

As police moved in on the parked getaway vehicle, one of the four raiders aimed a sawn-off shotgun at them. One policeman fired towards the car but it is thought no one was hit.

The gang fled for cover in the nearby Brockley Coombe woods. Police later recovered a weapon, masks and ammonia from the car, which was believed to be stolen.

As they started their search with helicopters hovering overhead, they closed all roads leading to the village, cordoned off an area a mile and a half in radius around it, and told villagers to stay indoors.

Police said: "Members of the public should not attempt to approach these men. They are extremely dangerous".

Mr David Groves, who runs Brockley Court old people's home, said: "A workman who saw what happened said that he saw the police going towards these men.

"There was a shot and then it got very confusing. The gunmen jumped over a wall chased by police and dogs".

Mr James Sharples, assistant chief constable (crime) of Avon and Somerset Police said: "The operation went according to plan in that a major crime was prevented. The incident happened away from the public - which police intended. An inquiry will be launched into why the shot was fired".

Three of the gang were said to be in their 20s, two white and one of mixed race. The was no description of the fourth.

Whitelaw to protect Government image

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, has given her most senior colleague, Lord Whitelaw, the responsibility of improving presentation of government policy.

His task, although not so described, will be to make the actions of ministers seem as wise and benign and consistent with one another as the truth will allow; or, failing that, to prevent them saying anything to damage the Government.

It is one of the least envied duties of ministers. Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the Commons, who had shouldered it until yesterday, was said to be delighted to lay it down.

Lord Whitelaw, who did the same job for Mr Edward Heath from 1970 to 1972, has told Mrs Thatcher he is anxious to help. But he does not have exaggerated hopes of success. He will have no extra staff.

The day-to-day work of coordinating the output of government information from the Whitehall departments will remain with Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary, who has easy and regular access to her. But Mr Ingham cannot interfere with the speeches of ministers.

Mr Biffen, who in theory was empowered to do so, would not have had the weight as the 14th ranking member of the Cabinet, even if he had the inclination, to suggest to the Foreign Secretary or to the Chancellor of the Exchequer what they should or should not say.

Yet Sir Geoffrey Howe, on the subject of Grenada, and Mr Nigel Lawson, on public expenditure and taxation, have both upset colleagues

Mrs Thatcher hopes that Lord Whitelaw, the experienced conciliator, with all ambition spent, may be able to take them aside for a word without causing offence.

Mrs Thatcher's decision to bring in Lord Whitelaw is based on her and Mr Ingham's belief that the great increase in the government's Parliamentary majority at the election has made the Conservative Party more fissile and Fleet Street more critical.

Picket line truce opens way for NGA peace talks

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Crucial talks aimed at resolving the Stockport Messenger dispute, which has threatened to involve the entire printing industry, will resume on Monday after a peace initiative yesterday from the National Graphical Association (NGA).

After a night in which concessions came and went, the union pledged in court yesterday that it would end illegal mass picketing around the company's plants in Warrington and Bury for seven days.

The High Court in Manchester then decided it would adjourn until next Friday two court actions brought by the Messenger's chairman, Mr Selim (Eddie) Shah which arose out of the NGA's defiance of a court order halting the secondary action.

On Thursday night Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary elect of the NGA, offered to lift the picketing, if Mr Shah withdrew yesterday's court action which was taking place against the background of the legal seizure of the union's £10m funds. Despite the fact that Mr Shah went ahead with the hearing, the NGA told the court that it would stop the blockade.

The talks on Monday, at the London offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, will seek to end the impasse which involves the union's demand for a closed shop and the reinstatement of six strikers.

Mr Joe Wade, the NGA general secretary, said last night: "I am very pleased indeed. That is what we have been looking for all the way through: to get a settlement of the dispute." He would stand by over the weekend for any preliminary contacts.

After the 10-minute hearing, Mr Shah said he had made it clear he was willing to postpone his action as long as the NGA "had the grace to appear in court. It was not up to me to got to the courtroom and drop the action. I am grateful that we can at least get on with our meeting."

In a careful balancing act the TUC's general council yesterday urged all unions to identify areas where support could be given to the NGA. It also agreed to provide financial assistance to enable it to continue to carry out its "lawful" functions.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said: "We can do a lot without having the courts on the TUC's back."

TUC backs journalists in Dimbleby dispute

By Our Labour Reporter

Leaders of the National Union of Journalists yesterday won financial backing from the TUC as they continued to defy the law on secondary industrial action.

The General Council agreed to assist the NUJ with its £8,000 legal costs and agreed in principle that, in the event of court sanctions, it would help the union to carry out its "lawful function on behalf of its members".

Mr David Dimbleby, the broadcaster and chairman of the *Richmond and Twickenham Times* group, yesterday said he would be seeking legal advice on Monday over whether he should be taking action because of the union's apparent contempt of court.

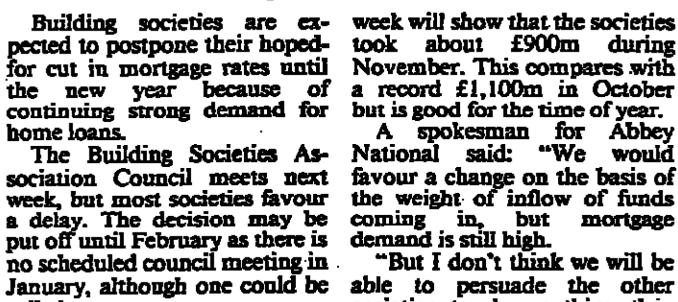
The union told the Court of Appeal on Thursday that it could not obey an unjunction stopping the action by its members over the transfer of printing from Mr Dimbleby's company to the non-union TBF printers in Nottingham.

Mr Dimbleby refused to say yesterday whether he would pursue a contempt of court claim, but the union continued to take measures against possible sequestration of its £1.3m assets by dispersing funds.

Mr Dimbleby, said: "I don't want to get ahead of myself. I am also waiting to see if there are any other developments over the weekend . . .

Mortgage rates cut early next year

By Lorna Bourke



Building societies are expected to postpone their hoped-for cut in mortgage rates until the new year because of continuing strong demand for home loans.

The Building Societies Association Council meets next week, but most societies favour a delay. The decision may be put off until February as there is no scheduled council meeting in January, although one could be called.

A spokesman for the Nationwide Building Society said: "I don't think there is any prospect of a cut next week. We are still experiencing very high demand for mortgages in spite of the fact that we would normally expect a seasonal downturn.

"There is no point cutting the rates to offer cheaper mortgages to fewer people. National Savings is giving us a good run for our money and the pressure from this quarter is unlikely to tail off."

Figures to be released next week will show that the societies took about £900m during November. This compares with a record £1,100m in October but is good for the time of year.

A spokesman for Abbey National said: "We would favour a change on the basis of the weight of inflow of funds coming in, but mortgage demand is still high.

"But I don't think we will be able to persuade the other societies to do anything they don't want to do."

Abbey does not rule out the possibility of going it alone and cutting its rates.

Woolwich Building Society favours postponing cuts until after Christmas. It said: "We think that there most definitely won't be a cut next week, prinicipally because we still have mortgage queues." Although the flow of funds into societies is strong, Woolwich points out that the societies have had only two good months this year.

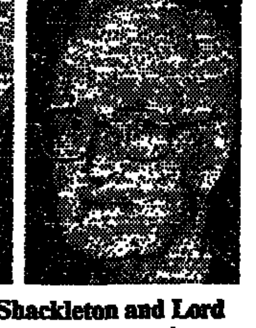
Tighter checks on candidates for honours lists

By Peter Hennessy

The Prime Minister has agreed to a request from the Political Honours Scrutiny Committee that the system be tightened up to prevent suspicions of impropriety and backdoor political patronage. The new procedure has been in operation for some time but full details have not been made public.

The committee of Privy Councillors was concerned that chairman of companies which donate to Conservative Party funds, who are honoured for their contribution to industry rather than for political services, could be suspected of receiving peerages or knighthoods for unacknowledged political reasons.





Scrutiny team: Lord Carr (left), Lord Shackleton and Lord Franks who recommended the new arrangement

Since the 1920s the committee has acted as a watchdog against the improper use of political honours.

The scrutiny procedure was originally designed to prevent any repetition of the sale of honours associated with the premiership of David Lloyd George.

The new team of Privy Councillors appointed to the scrutiny committee by Mr James Callaghan in the wake of Lord Wilson's notorious resignation honours list of 1976 – Lord Shackleton in the chair, Lord Franks and Lord Carr of Hadley – recommended that Mrs Margaret Thatcher adopt the new arrangement.

Under it, the Prime Minister or the Chief Whip must give the committee full personal details of individuals proposed for honours for any reason whose firms have contributed to the Conservative or any other party, either in cash or kind. The committee receives a signed certificate containing the reasons for the nomination, plus details of any gifts or financial contributions made to the party concerned.

Lord Shackleton and his colleagues then make a judgment on the individual and decide if he or she is unsuitable. Clearly a criminal history would be a bar.

The full procedure may be made public next week when Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, will raise the matter in the Commons under the 10-minute rule.

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New police strategy aims to mobilize public in fight against crime

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A new national police strategy to meet growing fears that the battle against crime is being lost, is disclosed in a Home Office circular to chief constables and police authorities.

Behind the circular is the knowledge that the police cannot be expanded indefinitely to meet increasing demands on them, vividly illustrated by demonstrations over cruise missiles and industrial relations policies.

The big expansion in police, in accordance with Conservative election commitments, is to be curbed. There is to be new emphasis on policing by consent, taking local views into account. Chief constables will be more accountable to the local community and the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan.

The police service is now up to strength at 121,000 officers in England and Wales, but chief constables want more officers to meet growing demands. This gives Mr Brittan an added lever to ensure they follow criteria he is laying down. HM Inspectors will advise him whether "resources are directed in accordance with properly determined objectives and priorities".

To meet their statutory duty of securing an adequate and efficient force, police authorities are being urged to take into account not only questions of resources but the wishes of the local community. And the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, now before parliament, will put local consultation on a statutory basis.

The cost of the police service has risen from £1,400m in 1970-71 (estimated at today's prices) to £2,400m in 1982-83. Since 1971, the circular says, police strength, excluding civilians, has increased by about 24,000. The number of serious crimes recorded since 1971 has practically doubled.

This week, the Association of Chief Police Officers expressed concern that the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, as now drafted, "makes considerable demands upon already hard-pressed police resources."

The circular says that Mr Brittan will not normally allow more recruitment unless he is satisfied that the force's existing resources are used to best advantage. Specific cases for additional posts will need to be made. The Home Secretary also wants more civilians to free police officers for operational duties.

The circular also reflects a crisis facing the whole criminal justice system.

In real terms, taking inflation into account, there has been a threefold increase in overall spending on law and order in the past 20 years. Yet recorded crime has risen by 200 per cent in relation to population size in the past 20 years.

The police clear-up rate has fallen from 44 per cent in 1962 to 37 per cent in 1982. Even so, the number of offenders found guilty has increased from one and a quarter million in the early 1960s to well over two million in 1981. The prison population has risen by about 50 per cent in the same period.

The circular marks a big switch to new crime prevention strategies and community policing, after discussions, led by Sir Brian Cubbon, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Home Office, unside the department and with officials from other ministries. The new strategy also embodies reforms suggested by Lord Scarman after the 1981 riots.

The Home Office circular says it is necessary to work in cooperation with other public services, voluntary bodies and the public themselves. A new circular on crime prevention is to be issued soon. The circular is a recognition that previous policy has failed: neither the police, the courts, the prison service or probation service can tackle crime successfully. The community must be mobilized, to ensure this the new consulation arrangements and the police authorities, sometimes draw into conflict with police chiefs, are seen as vital.

Plans now being formulated by Sir Kenneth Newman, Commmissioner of the Metropolitain Police in keeping with the aims of the circular.



Royal visitor: The Princess of Wales opening a training centre for handicapped adults in Wantage, Oxfordshire, yesterday. The £276,000 centre will cater for 34 trainees.

Ridley unveils Bill to take over London Transport

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

The Government yesterday published its London Regional Transport Bill and so took the first step towards wresting control of the capital's buses and Tubes from Mr Kenneth Livingstone and his fellow politicians at the Greater London Council.

Ministers indicated that their enthusiasm for ending municipal "interference" in London Transport took precedence even over cutting public spending, an ambition the new system is unlikely to achieve for some time.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, acknowledged there would be no "massive" savings and that at least initially there could be a significant rise in the subsidy for public transport in London from the general taxpayer.

Mr Livingstone denounced the Bill as a "free for all" seizing on the Government's vulnerable point, the future of free and concessionary fares for pensioners. The London boroughs would not step in and continue the GLC's generosity to pensioners, he forecast.

London Transport took a hands-off approach to the new Bill. Its chairman Dr Keith Bright, said it was up to the politicians to decide whether the Government or the GLC should control it.

The Bill, which the Government hopes will become law in time to make 1985-86 the new authority's first year of operation, severs the link between London Transport and the GLC. The Labour-controlled GLC is supposed to be abolished in 1986.

Buses and Tubes, organized in two separate companies, are to be run by a board of "businesslike" managers nominated by the Government, with a duty to break even on the basis of an annual subsidy similar to that given to British Rail.

Mr Ridley has built in great scope for privatization; private firms can apply for any London bus route.

Subsidies are to be paid to London Transport, a third from the taxpayers and two thirds from London ratepayers. The Department of Transport would set a rates figure in the way that the Home Office does on behalf of the Metropolitan Police and borough ratepayers would have it put on their bills each year.

If they wish London boroughs can still provide concessionary bus and Tube passes for the elderly but Mr Ridley was not forthcoming about how such schemes are to be financed.

At present the GLC subsidizes the outer London boroughs' pensioners because it can take money from commercial ratepayers in the City and Westminster.

The Government envisages there will be redundancies among London Transport staff. Mr Ridley did not exonerate the Conservative councillors, who have controlled London Transport for six of the past twelve years, from blame for failing to keep costs down. "We have got to call a halt. It is quite clear that London's public transport can be provided more cheapiy and more attractively."

However, Mr Ridley promised that fares would rise under the new scheme by no more than the going rate of inflation; the Government was to stick by London Transport's existing three-year plan which envisages only a small cut in the number of bus miles and the same Underground services as now.

During 1983-84 London Transport receives £370m in subsidy, 80 per cent of which comes from the taxpayer. Mr Ridley would make no predictions about what the level of subsidy would be when he took over but seemed to accept that there would be no significant or immediate savings, implying that substantial subsidy levels might persist.

Scores pledge cash for Greenpeace fine

By Tony Samstag

Greenpeace, the environmental action group, said yesterday that it had been overwhelmed by telephone calls from people offering contributions towards the £50,000 fine levied by a High Court judge on Thursday for contempt of court.

By lunchtime scores of pledges totalling several thousand pounds had been received at the headquarters of Greenpeace Ltd, at 36 Graham Street, Islington, north London.

The group decided to abandon its initial resolution to pay the fine itself. Instead it will launch a formal appeal today.

Several pledges were for hundreds of pounds and one was for £1,500. At least one well-known musician offered to organize a benefit concert.

Greenpeace would not say whether it would continue trying to interfere with the pipe discharging waste from British Nuclear Fuel's processing plant at Sellafield, formerly Windscale, in Cumbria.

Mr Justice Congdon said that the group's assets would be seized if it continued to be in contempt of court by breaking an order not to do so.

The assets were said to be £70,000 in bank accounts and ships at £264,000.

Greenpeace was founded in 1971-72 by Mr David McTaggart, a Canadian, after protests against nuclear-weapons tests in Amchitka, Alaska, and the French-Pacific.

Recognizing that court action was always hazardous, the group evolved as a loose confederation of national chapters in 14 countries, with assets deliberately kept to a minimum

Mr McTaggart is chairman of Greenpeace International based in Lewes, East Sussex, but registered in The Netherlands. The international council normally comprises about 10 people.

Greenpeace Ltd, the British parent company, employs about 12 office staff at its headquarters in Islington, where Greenpeace Enviornmental Trust, registered as an educational charity, is also administered.

The other registered companies in Britain are Greenpeace UK Ltd, which is dormant; Greenpeace Films Ltd, with two staff, and Greenpeace Rainbow Warrior Holdings Ltd, which owns the group's three ships and employs one full-time administrator

Traditional fund-raising techniques and sales of merchandise also contribute; funds raised for the educational trust are by law separate from the subscriptions, which help to finance the more spectacular protests.

● There is no indication of an increase in childhood cancers in the areas around Sellafield (formerly Windscale) nuclear reprocessing plant, Dr Alan Craft and Dr Jillian Birch, who resctively run the tumour registries for North and North-west England, say in *The Lancet* (Nicholas Timmins writes).

Anti-vandal paint kills 20 birds

More than 20 robins, blackbirds and sparrows died after struggling to free themselves from non-drying anti-vandal paint on top of council garages. Some tore off wings and legs as they frantically fought to escape.

Mr Bill Cottingham, a chief inspector with the RSPCA who was called to the scene in Wickfield Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire yesterday criticized council workers and blamed them for the deaths. "They had plastered the paint on half an inch thick and every bird that landed there became stuck."

Motorist dies in collision

Mr Gary McGonagle, aged 26, died yesterday when the car he was driving was involved in a collision with a motorcyclist being followed by police. Mr McGonagle, of Malvern Place, Cheltenham, was driving through a crossroads near Cheltenham racecourse

The rider of the 850cc motor cycle was badly injured. His condition in Cheltenham General Hospital was later described as comfortable.

Opera cancelled

The Royal Opera House cancelled last night's performance of Massenet's *Esclarmonde*, because Dame Joan Sutherland, the Australian soprano, has a throat infection. Instead, there was a performance of *Madam Butterfly*.

Life for arson

A security guard and former poiceman Kirpal Singh, aged 43, of Bedford Lane, Feltham, north London, was jailed for life by the Central Criminal Court yesterday for setting fire to his home with six members of his family inside.

Death fall

Miss Emma Smith, aged 27, a barrister of Fulham, London, died accidentally in a 250ft fall at Lundy Island, off the North Devon coast, the North and West Devonshire coroner found yesterday.

Hunt's fear for Parole Board

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Revised parole procedures announced by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, this week were criticized yesterday by Lord Hunt, former chairman of the Parole Board.

He says the independence of the board will be reduced and its hands will be tied under the new arrangements.

The procedures, which Mr Brittan disclosed in a parliamentary written answer, are designed to "take account of the general public concern about the increase in violent crime and the growing criticism of the gap between the length of sentence passed and length of sentence actually served in certain cases."

He has decided to use his discretion "to ensure that prisoners serving sentences of over five years for offences of violence or drug trafficking will be granted parole only when release under supervision for a few months before the end of the sentence is likely to reduce the long-term risk to the public or in circumstances which are generally exceptional."

Mr Brittan said he had consulted the board about how the objective might best be achieved in a way that ensures the crucial role of the board in the parole scheme is maintained.

The board expressed a wish to continue to see all of the cases that it now scrutinizes, in order to give full consideration to the circumstances of each individual prisoner.

"Accordingly I have agreed that the present practice should continue, on the understanding that the reviews will take account of the policy contained in this statement." Mr Brittan said that acceptance or rejection of a parole board recommendation was a matter for him.

He also intends that murderers of police or prison officers, terrorist murderers, sexual or sadistic murderers of children and murderers who use firearms in the course of robbery can generally expect to serve at least 20 years in custody. Other murders, outside those categories, might merit no less punishment to mark the seriousness of the offence.

The guidelines for the board, taking into account the Home Secretary's new policy, have not yet been made known.

Lord Hunt said yesterday: "It sounds as if they will say formally it is no good the board putting forward people serving over five years in the categories ruled out.

"The guidelines of the kind strongly implied in the statement undoubtedly reduce the real independence of the board, whose job is to make recommendations on the intrinsic metits of the individual cases.

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Unsure Kasparov offers a draw

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

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The postponed fifth game between Garry Kasparov and Viktor Korchnoi in Acorn Computers world Chess Championship semi finals on Thursday at the Great Eastern Hotel, London, ended in a draw after 21 moves, making the match score Korchnoi 3 Kasparov 2.

Kasparov played the Catalan System for the first time in a championship and obtained some pressure, but Korchnoi never really appeared to be in difficulties.

A sign that Kasparov was not really feeling at home in the position was that he took considerably more time on his moves than his opponent.

At the end of the game he had taken one hour and 40 minutes, against his opponent's hour and 10 minutes.

After Korchnoi, with the black pieces, had made his 21st move Kasparov offered him a draw which Korchnoi at once accepted.

Kasparov's offer of a draw after his opponent had moved was not in accord with the rules of chess.

But the law that one should offer a draw only after making one move is a regulation more honoured in its breach than its observance.

The game, in spite of its brevity, was well fought and lively.

However, if Kasparov wishes to save the match he must break through Korchnoi's defences and win a game. So far he has not looked likely to do so.

Fifth game
White Kasparov. Black Korchnoi
Q pawn, Catalan system

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	12 PxP	BxP
2 P-QB4	P-K3	13 Q-N3	0-0
3 P-KN3	P-Q4	14 N-K5	Q-N3
4 B-N2	PxP	15 B-N5	KR-Q1
5 N-KB3	P-B4	16 Q-KB3	B-K2
6 0-0	QN-Q2	17 NxB	RxN
7 N-R3	N-N3	18 QR-B1	R1-Q1
8 NxP	NxN	19 Q-B6	Q-R4
9 Q-R4ch	B-Q2	20 P-QR3	P-N5
10 QxN	P-QN4	21 B-B4	N-Q4
11 Q-B2	R-B1	22 draw	agreed

Moves 23 and 24 in the fifth game between Smyslov and Ribli on Wednesday published yesterday should have read:
23 N-R5 N-B6 ch 24 PxN N-B4

First magnetic body scanner on show

By Thomson Prentice, Medical Reporter

The world's first magnetic resonance equipment designed to investigate the biochemistry of the human body was launched yesterday at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

The equipment will be used in research which may lead to improved treatment for such ailments as heart disease, kidney failure, strokes and vascular disease. Already it has significantly helped a patient suffering from McArdle's Syndrome, a rare muscular disease. Magnetic resonance uses high-power magnets, creating a magnetic field 30,000 times stronger than the Earth's, to study the biochemistry of human diseases without harm or pain to the patient.

The magnet is contained in a cylinder almost eight ft long and six ft wide, allowing examination of the whole body of a patient. Data is fed from it on to a visual monitor screen, producing graphs and "pictures" of the body's biochemistry.

Dr George Radda, of the biochemistry department of Oxford University who has led the development of equipment, said: "We can tell immediately from the screen which area of the body needs treatment."

In the treatment of strokes, the equipment could determine whether of or not damage is reversible.

The first patients will be referred to the unit next month by clinicians as volunteers to assist research. But Dr Radda said: "We are not making promises to them, because for the time being this is a tool for research, not diagonosis."

The project began in 1974. "I thought then that if we had such equipment by the end of the century we would be doing rather well," said Dr Radda. "But rapid technological advances have made it possible much sooner."

Technology plea to colleges

By Our Education Correspondent

Further education colleges which give technical training to adults should teach all students information technology, a conference was told yesterday.

Colleges should draw up their own policies on new technology without waiting for the validating bodies to produce syllabuses, Mr Jack Mansell, director of the further Education Unit, which is funded by the Department of the Education of Science, said.

Speaking at a conference in London organized by the Natioal Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, Mr Mansell said that the further education colleges should also develop a wider community role because of the many alternative and centrally-funded training initiatives.

Cash pledge by Yoko Ono

Yoko Ono, widow of John Lennon, the musician, said at Heathrow airport yesterday that she would give a large sum to the Strawberry Fields Salvation Home in Liverpool.

Before returning to New York after a five-day visit to Britain, she said that the gift could be more than £2m. Lennon referred to the home in the Beatles' song, "Strawberry Fields Forever".

Ban on public illegal, health authority told

By our
Social Services Correspondent

Brent Health Authority in London has been told that a special meeting it is to hold on Monday to vote through a £250,000 government spending cut will be illegal and its decisions void.

Mrs Nina Talmage, the Conservative chairman of the authority, decided to bar the public from the meeting after last month's meeting was broken up by protestors to prevent a vote on the spending cut.

But the London borough of Brent's director of law, after taking counsel's opinion from Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, has told the health authority that it can exclude the public only once disorder has taken place within a meeting.

However Mr David Pashley, district administrator of the health authority, said legal advice he had received was that the chairman was acting within her powers in barring the public.

The meeting would go ahead, he said, unless an injunction was served preventing it, or the health authority members voted at the start of the meeting to admit the public.

CND to debate freeze

By Pat Healy

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will decide at its annual conference in Sheffield this weekend whether to follow its leadership in backing a nuclear freeze campaign and whether it should campaign nationally for members of the armed forces to join CND.

The conference, will also revive last year's argument over Nato.

A significant proportion of the membership, which has increased by 60 per cnet in the last year, believe a freeze would weaken the aim of unilateral nuclear disarmament.

Mrs Joan Ruddock, chairman of CND, says it would be a first step which would meet the wishes of peace movements in the United States and the Soviet Union.

The armed forces debate is an attempt by the London region to make national policy a campaign inspired by Miss Pat Arrowsmith to encourage the setting up of groups within the armed forces dedicated to nuclear disarmament.

French keeping an eye on UHT milk delay

by Mark Rosselli

The French reacted with dignity yesterday to news that their own delaying tactics had been used by the British against the first consignment of French long-life milk, which is in a customs shed in Newhaven undergoing indefinite "tests".

M Oliver Dubuquoy, assistant agricultural attaché at the French Embassy in London, said: "I understand the position of the British government. The Government wants to apply the regulations and see that the milk respects the standards."

Sale room

National Gallery spends £81,000 on Bilbao view

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The National Gallery spent £81,000 at Christie's yesterday on its first eighteenth century painting from Spain, other than a Goya. It is a view of a Spanish harbour with some well-dressed society figures in the foreground painted on panel by Luis Paret and dated 1784. It comes from a series of harbour views and the gallery has succeeded in identifying the location – which Christie's had failed to do.

It is a "View of El Arenal de Bilbao", by which name the painting will in future be known, according to the gallery. A second Paret view of a harbour from the same series but dated 1783 was included in the sale and the gallery had hoped to secure both. After the other sold for £59,400, it concentrated all its resources on securing the second. The Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox gallery bid on its behalf.

A spokesman for the gallery said Paret had been a contemporary of Goya and his work was rare. This painting would be hung with the Goyas.

The top price in the sale was for a pretty little flower picture on copper by Ambrosius Boschaert the Elder, dated 1614. It depicts a basket of flowers from which one or two blooms have fallen to which a bug and a butterfly are paying special attention. Peter Mitchell paid £280,000 (unpublished estimate £250,000 to £350,000) for it. The sale made a total of £2,056,968, and 24 per cent unsold.

In London, Sotheby's completed its sale of the Thomas F. Flannery collection, securing a total of £2,023,263 with 5 per cent left unsold.

£370,000 firescreen

An heirloom once used as a firescreen was sold for £370,000 by Sotheby's in London this week, after it had been identified as the only known oil painting by Hans Hoffman, a sixteenth century follower of Durer (our York correspondent writes).

The painting of a harehad been inherited by Mrs Ann Hartas and her husband, Norman, of Manor Farm, Pickering, north Yorkshire. They had largely ignored it until a visitor noticed it and took it away for examination.

Ministers adamant over rate powers

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Conservative backbench rebels have been privately warned that the Government is determined to stand by its controversial manifesto pledge to take general powers for the control of all local authority rate levels.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, is expected to publish the local government finance legislation in the week before the Commons breaks for Christmas, allowing for a second reading debate towards the end of January.

But the Tory shires – among others – are up in arms against the Goverment's plans to qualify their independence, and intensive lobbying is making a strong impression on Tory backbenchers.

Some wilder estimates put the size of potential Tory revolt against the Government as high as 60 MPs. A more realistic figure would be below 30 MPs.

Nevertheless, it is confidently predicted that the backwoodsmen of the Lords will excise the general reserve powers under which the rates of all local authorities would be covered by the process which has become known as rate-capping.

Indeed, it has even been suggested that the same strong feeling about town hall indepedence might provoke the Lords to vote down the legislation's selective rate-capping powers, which would be designed to pick off Labour-controlled high-spenders.

Mr Roger Parker Jervis, chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council, summed up the lobbyists' view when he said in a letter to *The Times* last week: "Should a general rate-capping scheme ever be applied, the bureaucratic cost and confusion which would result is something no Conservative could contemplate with equanimity."

He also wrote: "While the selective rate-limitation scheme may have immediate attractions for the short-sighted, it is a further step towards central authoritarian power and no substitute for electoral accountability on local matters."

Feelings have not been helped by the tendency, in recent years, for low-spending councils to be penalized under sweeping powers already taken by the Department for the Environment.

Conservative local authority and Westminster sensitivity has also been aggravated by the ominous silence from the Labour Front Bench.

Naturally, Mr Jack Cunningham, the Shadow spokesman, does not wish to divert attention from the embarrassing Conservative division.

Mr Jenkin (left) and Mr Cunningham: Preparing for battle.

But there is also an uneasy feeling on the Tory side that a Labour government might be quite happy to use the new powers as a two-edged sword; to force councils to raise and spend more rather than less money.

Mr Jenkin's determination to press forward was made crystal clear at a recent private meeting with his own backbenchers. He made great play of the fact that the general powers were to be held in reserve and that he did not expect them to be used.

It would not be unprecedented for a Secretary of State for Environment to retreat in the face of backbench rebellion on an issue of local authority independence.

Mr Michael Heseltine was, after all, forced to withdraw his plans for local referendums

But given that Mrs Thatcher has put her own personal imprint on rate-capping, Mr Jenkin might well feel that it is more judicious to allow the offending clause or clauses to be wiped out in the Lords rather than inside his own department.

Beer allegation

Thirty two people were remanded on bail at Widnes Magistrates' Court, Cheshire, yesterday on charges relating to an alleged conspiracy to steal beer from Greenall Whitley, the brewers.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 160; Cyprus 660 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.25; Irish Republic 46p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 55; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 7.50; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 120; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.50; Yugoslavia Din 100

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Bruce killing on 15

Bruce Lee cleared of 11 killings, but convictions on 15 fire victims stand

Bruce Lee, the self-confessed Humberside arsonist, was cleared in the Court of Appeal yesterday of causing the death of eleven elderly men in a fire at an old people's home.

But the decision to quash Lee's convictions for arson and manslaughter in this incident will not mean that he will be freed. He is still detained in a mental hospital for 10 other fires which killed another 15 people.

After a short adjournment during which Mr Harry Ognall QC, Lee's counsel, saw him in the cells below the court, Mr Ognall returned to court and announced that Lee would withdraw his two remaining applications for leave to appeal.

The withdrawn applications related to fires at Askew Avenue, Hull, in June 1973 and West Dock Avenue, Hull, in January 1977. Lord Justice Ackner, sitting with Mr Justice Glidewell ajnd Mr Justice Leggatt, said they would be formally dismissed and the court would give a full judgment next week.

Quashing Lee's convictions of starting a fire at Wensley Lodge, Hull on January 5, 1977, and the manslaughter of the eleven men, Lord Justice Ackner said the conviction were not safe. The main reason was the "unsatisfactory nature of the forensic evidence".

The judge said that the Home Office Scienist, Mr Graham Devenport, should have suggested to the 1977 inquiry into the cause of the fire that it might have been deliberately started with paraffin. If that had been suggested, the construction of the room where the fire was discovered could have been checked more closely to see if Lee's story about using paraffin and paper to start the fire was supported by the scientific evidence.

Lord Justice Ackner said the court was making no criticism of Det Supt Ronald Sagar, the policeman who interviewed Lee after his arrest.

"We have no doubt that Lee made the statements, both oral and written; that they were voluntarily and properly obtained by Det Supt Sagar and that he recorded Lee's own words as he said them," the judge said. Although the prosecution case would have been strong, based on Lee's confessions to the police and others including his own solicitor, the forensic evidence had been "unsatisfactory". It was not safe to allow the convictions to stand.

Lee, aged 23, of Irton House, Cavell Place, Hull, admitted all 11 fires and the manslaughter of 26 people when he appeared before Mr Justice Tudor Evans at Leeds Crown Court in January 1981. He was ordered to be detained indefinitely in a mental hospital. But after *The Sunday Times* investigated his case he began to protest his innocence.



Lee: Denied confession.

The Court of Appeal hearing, which lasted nine days, opened with Lee seeking leave to appeal against all his convictions. After being refused leave to appeal over fires at homes in Selby Street and Troutbeck House, Hull, Lee's lawyers withdrew six other applications and concentrated on the last three cases.

The court had been told that a committee of inquiry into the Wensley Lodge fire decided that it had been started by a plumber's blowtorch accidentally setting light, to ceiling boards.

But, after Lee confessed to the police and told them he started the fire with paraffin, inquiries were reopened. During the appeal, defence experts said that the facts of the fire did not fit Lee's story, which he had denied telling police.

After the hearing Lee's lawyers said they would consider asking the Home Secretary to look into the cases on which he was refused leave to appeal.

Yesterday's court decision means that Lee no longer holds the title "Britain's most prolific killer", given to him by *The Guinness Book of Records*. With 15 deaths still on his record Lee is now equal with Dennis Nilsen, recently convicted of killing 15 people.



Family reunion: Police Constable Bill Hopkins, from East Grinstead, organized a surprise for his wife Sylvia at Surrey police headquarters, Guildford, yesterday. He arranged for their son Peter to fly from the United States and play the villain on the last day of his 13-week training course with Shane, his new alsatian.

Drug safety for elderly tightened

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The Committee on Safety of Medicines is to tighten the licensing system for new drugs widely used by the elderly after the Opren controversy, the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday.

Drug companies will have to carry out studies on how the elderly cope with the drugs after evidence that Opren accumulated in their bodies.

Opren, used to treat arthritis, was withdrawn in August last year, after it was linked with the deaths of 76 people and after 3,800 people were reported to have suffered significant side effects.

BBC plans nuclear war play

By David Hewson

The BBC is planning a 90-minute drama on the aftermath of a nuclear attack among people in Sheffield. The play, due be shown in about a year, was commissioned 18 months ago, before the controversy over the American production *The Day After* which will be seen on independent televison on December 10.

Mr Michael Jackson,he producer of the BBC play, said yesterday: "We have no axe to grind. We have talked to people from CND, people from the Home Office and scientific advisers in Britain and America, to try to come up with the most likely course of events after a nuclear attack."

The play, called *Threads* and written by Barry Hines, the author of *Kes*, starts five weeks before a nuclear attack and ends 15 years after a bomb has dropped on neighbouring Rotherham. Sheffield City Council, which as declared the city a nuclear-free zone, has offered to cooperate with the play's production in the city, which starts in February.

Mr Jackson said that Sheffield was selected as the site of the play because it is where Mr Hines lives, and is in the centre of Britain.

Both Mr Jackson and Mr Hines took part in a home defence college course for local government workers on dealing with post-nuclear Britain, and some scenes of the play tackle the administration of society after the bomb. The play will also describe the effects on the local economy, climate and agriculture.

● Britain's teenagers are overwhelmingly pessimistic about the probability of a nuclear war, but also largely ignorant about the nature of nuclear weapons, according to a survey.

A survey published by *TV Times* to mark next week's showing of *The Day After* has revealed that more than half the people aged between 15 and 18 who were questioned thought that a nuclear war would occur in their lifetimes, and 70 per cent thought that one was inevitable one day.

But the 422 teenagers interviewed put little faith in unilateral disarmament. Nearly three quarters felt that it would have no effect on the policies of other countries, but nearly two thirds thought that the presence of nuclear weapons in Britain was no protection from attack.

Witnesses given cash by accused doctor

A doctor accused of serious professional misconduct said yesterday that he had given money to witnesses in his General Medical Council hearing.

Dr Dasrath Rai, aged 61, giving evidence to the professional conduct committee, admitted that after the hearing on Thursday he was approached by drug addicts.

"The first person approached me had no bus fare to go home. I gave him £1.

"A second person came up to me. He was from Worthing and had no money. I gave him £5.

It is alleged that Dr Rai sold prescriptions for hard drugs for £10 or £15 from his former private practice in Bateman Street, Soho, London, other than for bona fide treatment.

Dr Rai told the committee that he had told patients of the dangers of injecting by using Dicanol tablets, a heroin substitute.

"The people that died, injected. They didn't die from the treatment I tried to carry out."

Dr Rai said that he prescribed Dicanol because it was the most convenient drug to wean people off heroin.

"If I found a petient buying drugs on the black market I would take him off my list immediately."

He said that his initial fee was £30, which included a consultation and prescription.

Dr Rai said that he thought he took between £400 and £500 a week from March to October, 1982 – not £1,000 a week.

He denied that he had shown irresponsibility in his treatment of two patients who died.

The hearing continues

Dry summer seals Pakamac's fate

By Alan Hamilton

Pakamac, a name synonymous for the past quarter-century with the vagaries of the British weather, has fallen into the hands of the receiver.

By a cruel irony, the very unpredictability of British rain on which the company built its folding plastic raincoat fortune was in the end its downfall; this year's long dry summer dealt sales a mortal blow.

The firm was based, inevitably, in Manchester, the English capital of wet weather. This week two accountants from the firm of Deloitte Haskins and Sells moved into the company's headquarters at Warwick Mill in Middleton, north Manchester, to study the books in the hope of selling the business as a going concern.

Pakamac's directors derived little satisfaction from the fact that Mr Frank Mycroft, one of the receivers, arrived at Warwick Mill to assume control of the business with a tightly-rolled Pakamac in his briefcase. From a heyday in the 1950s of selling 48,000 plastic raincoats every week, sales have collapsed to fewer than 4,000 a week.



Pakamac at the height of its popularity in the 1960s.

The company, which has 185 workers, has not made profit since 1977. The original plastic raincoat, invented by a Mancunian called Cohen in the early 1950s, accounts for barely 10 per cent of production. And they are all made in China.

In recent years the company's principal line has been a folding nylon raincoat, actually made in Manchester. But this summer, with few showers on the horizon for weeks on end, demand collapsed.

That was a body blow to Pakamac, which had started the year well with a miserable winter and a disappointing spring.

Pakamac had tried recently to reduce its dependence on fluctuating sales governed by summer showers; last year two Pakamac directors, Mr Graham White and Mr Keith Manley, bought the business back from its parent company and tried to introduce more fashionable rainwear lines, but their scheme was ultimately unsuccessful.

When the Pakamac, essentially a plastic bag with sleeves, was introduced in the 1950s it cost 7s 6d and gained immediate popularity with office workers, walkers, golfers and housewives, as a light and convenient alternative to the standard belted gaberdine raincoat of the day. The Chinese-made version is still only £3.95, but the Manchester-made nylon foldaway retails at £13.95.

Severn Bridge critics win reassurance

Mr John Stradling Thomas, Minister of State at the Welsh Office, yesterday denied allegations that the government was "burying its head in the sand" over the problem of the Severn Bridge.

The Government, he said, appreciated the need to strengthen the bridge, to improve alternative routes and to start work on a second crossing of the Severn esturay. *Options* put forward by engineering consultants were being assessed.

Aid plan for uncommercial new books

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

Book publishers and the Arts Council are working on the formation of a Literature Investment Trust which would subsidise the publication of uncommercial books.

The provisional estimates are that £150,000 would come from the Arts Council and £40,000 from publishers, the secretary general of the council, Mr Luke Rittner, said yesterday.

ITV microcomputer may be launched

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

The independent television companies are to decide in about 10 days whether to compete with the success of the BBC Microcomputer and launch their own product.

Although several microcomputer companies have been investigated, including Transam, which is based in London, there is a division of opinion among the executives of the television companies. Those who oppose the scheme fear that a commitment to one product would rob them of advertisements for competing products.

The Independent Television Companies Association's council meets on December 12. Talks with the Independent Broadcasting Authority will be held the next day.

The success of the BBC television series on computers, which is being launched on public television in the United States, and the sales of the BBC Microcomputer, more than 200,000, have been the envy of the independent companies. Thames Television, Yorkshire and Central are all engaged in producing programmes which focus on some aspect of microcomputers.

The BBC Microcomputer sells for under £400. If the commerical television companies do decide to launch their own computer, it is expected to be competitively priced.

Aftermath of two jumbo jet disasters

Evidence points to human error as likely cause of Madrid crash

From Richard Wigg and William Norris, Madrid

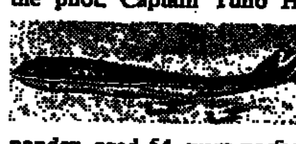
Human error is emerging as e most likely cause of the oeing 747 crash in the vicinity Madrid last Sunday, which ost 181 lives. Earlier theories mechanical failure, based on e-witness reports of an engine re and explosion, are now ing ruled out.

Expert examination of the ngines which still lie scattered n the stoney hillside 12 miles om the capital, has found no ace of pre-crash fire.

Evidence gathered from the ir Traffic Control Centre at aracuellos, and from the covered flight data recorder, nows that the Avianca Flight 11 began its final approach to aranjas airport at too steep an ngle, having arrived at the uter marker some 1,600ft too igh. At the point of impact the ircraft was also some four niles to the right of its normal ight path.

The usual approach to runay 33 at Baranjas runs along the valley of the Jarama river, which has escarpments on either side. The pilot's course deviation took him over a range of low hills some 400ft above the valley floor. It was on the crest of one of these that the Boeing touched, bounced and finally stalled to crash and explode into flames on impact.

Radio communications with the pilot, Captain Tulio Her-



nandez, aged 54, were perfectly normal until seconds before the crash. Nothing more was heard after Captain Hernandez had acknowledged instructions to change frequency and contact the airport tower. Examination of the cockpit voice recorder after this point is proving difficult, because the voices of the crew are obscured by the "pull up" alarm of the Ground Proximity Warning System.

There is speculation here that Captain Hernandez, who had worked for Avianca for 38 years and had no previous incidents in 35,000 flying hours, might have collapsed at the controls. Unfortunately, the pilot's body is among the 86 victims still awaiting identification, and no post-mortem examination has yet been possible.

Those travelling in the front of the airliner received the most severe injuries. Those in the rear were found, in many cases, still strapped in their seats and appeared to have died from asphyiation.

Spanish air traffic controllers have come under criticism after previous accidents, and on this occasion questions are being asked in the local press about the controllers' failure to warn the pilot of his wrong height and position.

The Paracuellos Centre is equipped with both primary and secondary radar, and would therefore in theory have a clear visual record of these factors. However, a new system was brought into operation in September, and teething troubles with such equipment are not unusual.

It may be several months before the report of the official inquiry into the crash is completed. In the meantime lawyers are already investigating ways in which the victims' families can claim compensation. Under the Warsaw Convention, since the flight was not due to stop in the United States, maximum compensation payable by the insurers would be $20,000 (£13,000) per life.

However, if lawyers can establish that the crash was due to wilful misconduct, damages are unlimited. Such a claim has only once succeeded – against Pan-American Airways after a crash at Pago Pago in 1974.

KAL relatives press for much more

From David Watts, Tokyo

Korean relatives of victims of he Korean Airlines disaster last September have joined their apanese counterparts in turning down offers of compenation form the airline. The Boeing 747 was shot down by Soviet fighters.

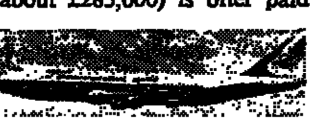
A package offer of $100,000 £66,000) per family has been rejected in an atmosphere of growing antagonism towards he ariline, particularly in Japan where its initial offer of "sympathy" money was seen as insulting.

The KAL offer actually exceeds the internationally agreed maximum unconditional compensation of $75,000 but the precedent set in Japan has soured the atmosphere.

In negotiations with a group formed by families of the 28 Japanese victims on Flight 007 compensaion for funeral and other expenses have been agreed but beyond that the battle-lines have been drawn in what is likely to be a legal contest lasting years.

Lawyers are now in London consulting Lloyds, who insured the aircraft, about compensation.

In Japan up to 100m yen (about £285,000) is ofter paid



out immediately after a road accident to the victims of the family as a token of sympathy. Such sums are handed over irrespective of any subsequent legal proceedings, though if the initial payment is seen to be niggardly then the court may take that circumstances into account. Therefore the KAL offer of about one fifth that sum has had a decidedly negative effect in a country were the emphasis is on good faith rather than litigation.

The case against KAL is further complicated by an outstanding claim for compensation against the airline from the Murmansk incident of five years ago, when a Soviet fighter fired on a Korean airliner. KAL offered only 5m yen while the family of Mr Yoshitake Sugano claimed 187m yen in the Tokyo District Court.

That suit is still outstanding. So far KAL has only admitted that there was a failure of the gyroscope in the Murmansk incident, but has provided no further information so that the family's chance of proving the gross negligence necessary to win more than the minimum pay-out seems remote.

The absence of the flight recorder in the case of Flight 007 raises similar difficulties in the present claims.

No claim from Japan and South Korea, however, is likely to match the $2bn suit brought against the airline, Boeing, Litton Industries and the South Korean and American governments by the widow of a columbia University Professor Dr Jong Jin Lim, a physicist.

● **Jets scrambled:** South Korean air force jets scrambled yesterday when nine Soviet bombers flew off the east coast of Korea towards the Tsushima Strait separating Japan and Korea, a South Korean Air force spokesman said (AP reports).

Down and out: Mr Romulo, "an old engine in need of spare parts", after announcing his resignation.

Sick, worn-out politician wants to quit at 85

Manila (AP) – Weeping and describing himself as a sick, tired, old man, Mr Carlos Romulo the Philippine Foreign Minister, said he will retire on his eighty-fifth birthday next month. He recommended Mr Arturo Tolentino, a fellow assembly member as his successor.

He tried to retire on his eighty-fourth birthday last January but President Marcos refused to accept his resignation.

Mr Romulo has just undergone a series of medical tests and is due to have more.

"The doctor says I am an old engine that needs spare parts and he says I cannot survive with my spare parts", he said.

Besides heart disease, high blood pressure, and a nervous disorder that could lead to Parkinson's disease, he also suffers from a bad kidney, hernia and a blocked prostrate.

He sent a letter of resignation yesterday to President Marcos, who is in the northern resort city of Baguio.

Paris prepares for huge anti-racist demonstration today

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The largest anti-racist demonstration ever held in France is expected to take place in Paris today at the culmination of a 600-mile march lasting a month and a half by a handful of young Arab immigrants, most of them unemployed.

The March for Racial Equality is the brainchild of Toumi Djaida, a young Algerian from the notorious immigrant ghetto of Les Minguettes, outside Lyons, who was seriously injured after being shot "accidentally" by a policeman.

It was one of a series of similar incidents during the long hot summer with suspiciously racist overtones. In July there was a public outcry when Toufik Oannes, aged nine, was shot dead as he played outside his tower block home in the Paris suburb of La Courneuve by an irate white resident who said he could not stand the noise.

Further evidence of a rise in racism in the face of the worsening economic climate came in September when the National Front obtained a startling 17 per cent in the municipal by-elections, in Dreux, a town to the south-west of Paris, early a quarter of whose inhabitants are immigrants without voting rights.

A month later, some 30 young Muslims of North African origin set off to walk the length of France under a banner proclaiming: "Live together with our differences". They were joined *en route* by thousands of supporters

Even as they marched, more violently racist crimes were taking place. A 26-year-old Algerian on holiday in France was beaten up by four drunken youths and hurled to his death out of a speeding train

On November 19, another Algerian was shot dead by a Marseilles customs officer who has since been charged with murder. The same week, a 17-year-old Algerian from Les Minguettes was shot dead by a French boy who claimed that his gun accidentally went off while he was cleaning it.

The Socialist, Communist and other left-wing parties are in the forefront of the many organizations, including trade unions and churches, which have called on their members to join the grand finale of the anti-racist march at e Bastille today. The absence of any support from the Opposition parties is marked.

Late swing may help Caldera

From Colin Harding
Caracas

Seven million Venezuelans go to the polls tomorrow to choose a new President, and a two-chamber Congress, with the results looking far less clear-cut than they did even a few days ago.

In the absence of up-to-date opinion polls – publication of which has been banned – it still seems likely that the opposition candidate, Señor Jaime Lusinchi, of the Democratic Action (AD) Party, will win. He has been the front runner from the start, and enjoys solid support from both employers' organizations and the main trade unions.

But the candidate of the ruling Christian Democrats, Señor Rafael Caldera, has made a strong late showing after a disastrous start to the campaign. His managers have been



confidently proclaiming that he has done enough to pip Señor Lusinchi at the post.

Señor Caldera, who was President between 1969 and 1974, has striven to distance himself from the unpopular government of President Luis Herrera Campins, and present himself as an experienced stateman, capable of uniting a divided country, and remaining above the undignified sectarian mud-slinging and dirty tricks that have marked the eight-month campaign.

He has already announced the names of his hypothetical ministerial team, which includes some members of AD.

A late trump card played by Señor Caldera was to take full page advertisements, quoting the national hero, Simon Bolivar, as saying that "in order to do things well, they have to be done twice."

The late surge by Señor Caldera has been helped by the weakness of the AD candidate, who has been portrayed as an easy-going lightweight.

The two left wing candidates – Señor Teodoro Petkoff of Movement Towards Socialism (MTS) and Señor José Vincente Rangel backed by a 12-party coalition – are expected to get between 10 and 15 per cent of the votes between them.

Lambsdorff can now be prosecuted

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

The Bundestag formally voted yesterday to lift parliamentary immunity on Otto Graf Lambsdorff, the Economics Minister, so that the Bonn public prosecutor can serve an accusation of corruption on him. Count Lambsdorff was among the 43 people who were in Parliament early in the morning and voted unanimously to lift immunity.

The prosecutor's office announced that it intends to serve the indictment sometime next week. The prosecutor also rejected Count Lambsdorff's accusations that it had misled him about the nature of the charges he might face. He said in a statement that Count Lambsdorff had been fully informed of the investigations and given photocopies of relevant documents.

Meanwhile the Bundestag has approved a new law on the financing of political parties. This arose directly from the scandal surrounding the numerous payments by the giant Flick group of companies to politicians of all parties in the past.

The main change in the new law is an increase in the amount of tax relief that can be claimed against donations, and a rise in the state contributions to political parties contesting elections.

A main accusation in the uproar over Flick payments to leading West German politicians – apart from Count Lambsdorff and others accused of corruption – was that no official record was kept of the donations. Under the new law all payment above DM 20,000 (£5000) must be notified to the tax authorities.

There was noisy argument in Parliament over a proposed amnesty for those who had broken the tax laws in making donations in the past. The Social Democrats wanted to strike out this emnesty, while the Government wanted to allow courts to decide the issue. A compromise eventually left the issue unsettled, and the new law was passed by a large majority. Only the Greens, who campaigned long over the Flick affair, voted against the law.

The Bundestag also agreed that in future parties not only had to state the source of their funds but also to say what the money was spent on.

Pressure on the Count to resign is mounting, and already speculation has begun on possible succesors as Minister of Economic-. Comparisons are being drawn with the Parkinson affair in Britain.

However he decides, he will plunge his Free Democratic Party into a crisis.

Astronauts want extra day in space

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

The six-man crew of the space shuttle Columbia will be told this weekend whether they can remain in space an extra day. Their nine-day mission was originally scheduled to end next Wednesday, but the astronauts would like more time to get through their heavy workload in the European Spacelab.

Apart from some communications difficulties the mission is going well. Officials at the Space Control Centre in Houston, Texas, are studying the shuttle's fuel and oxygen reserves, and the scientific benefits to be gained from extending the mission. Scientists, both on board Columbia and on the ground, would welcome an extra day as some experiments are not yet completed. Several tests were spoiled early in the flight when equipment failed.

The astronauts have told Houston they would like nothing better then another day in orbit, as they feel hard-pressed as they try to finish their crowded programme.

An indication of the pressure on the astronauts was the irritated reaction of Dr Robert Parker, one of the scientists working in Spacelab, to an instruction from the ground. Dr Parker was in the middle of an experiment with another astronaut when an instruction came through to begin another. He said sharply: "You guys should recognize there are two people up here trying to get all your stuff done. I think you might be quiet until we get one or the other of them done."

Iran seeks doctors from abroad

From Richard Dowden, Tehran

Iran is trying hard to attract doctors to come and work here and at the same time improve its image abroad.

More than 500 doctors from all over the world attended a five-day medical seminar in the Hilton Hotel in Tehran at Iran's expense.

No Israeli doctors were invited and there were no Americans, though there were about 10 Iranians who had been living in the United States. Some of them agreed to return to work in Iran for one month a year, and one who had worked in Houston, Texas 23 years said he was considering returning home for good.

So keen is the Government to attract doctors that Dr Hadi Manafi, the Health Minister, said it would accept white South African doctors in Iran.

There are about 15,000 doctors working in Iran, including 2,000 Indians. More than half the doctors work in Tehran, which has less than a quarter of the population of 40 million. All doctors are encouraged to work at the war front for at least one month a year.

Apart from trying to attract the doctors, the conference was also a propaganda exercise to show, sometimes with appalling explicitness the injuries caused in the three-year-old war with Iraq. Diplomatic sources estimate that Iran has suffered 600,000 dead and wounded. The doctors were shown round Tehran hospitals with ward after ward filled with young men with mangled or missing limbs.

Many of the papers at the conference were selected to show that the Islamic Republic has overcome Western social diseases, such as alcholism, venereal disease, but Western doctors remained sceptical about some of the statistics.

The conference was the first big international event held in Iran since the revolution.

Perjury by environment official

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

Mrs Rita Lavelle, a former Environmental Protection Agency official, has been found guilty of perjury and of impeding congressional investigations into her handling of the agency's programme to clean up hazardous waste sites.

Mrs Lavelle, aged 36, who headed the EPA's so-called Superfund, was found guilty on four charges. But the jury found her not guilty of a fifth charge that she lied to a Congressional committee when she said under oath that she had not injected political considerations into her decisions on hazardous waste

The US district court Judge set January 9 as the date for sentencing her.

She was dismissed on February 7



Perjurer's exit: Mrs Rita Lavelle leaving the Washington court after being found guilty of perjury

Denmark opposes missiles

From Christopher Follett
Copenhagen

Denmark has become the second member of Nato to oppose the deployment of US nuclear missiles in Western Europe, the other objector being Greece.

On Thursday night, a left-wing majority in the Folketing (parliament) led by the opposition Social Democrats, forced the Conservative-led minority coalition against its will to divorce Denmark officially from Nato missile policy at the next ministerial meeting of the alliance in Brussels on December 9.

The motion, passed by 87 votes to 75, also called for Denmark to work for a resumption of medium-range nuclear missile reduction talks in Geneva. It was the latest in a series of parliamentary votes forcing the Danish Government to distance itself from Nato

In a separate motion, the Opposition called upon the Government to vote for two anti-missile resolutions in the United Nations later this month. Denmark itself is not to receive any of the new missiles.

Fears of the 14-month old right-wing Government falling, unleashing premature elections, were stalled when an opposition motion of no confidence in Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Foreign Minister, was thwarted.

Kohl rejects Pravda accusation

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn

Bonn yesterday rejected *Pravda's* accusations that Chancellor Helmut Kohl had distorted the contents of President Andropov's letter to him, saying the Chancellor did not retract a single word of his interpretation.

A spokesman said Dr Kohl, like other Western leaders who had received similar letters, had quoted Mr Andropov correctly. The Soviet side had to be asked why it did not stand by what it itself had said in the Andropov letter.

In another development, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, called on Nato foreign ministers to convene a special private meeting soon to discuss the future of East-West relations.

In an article about Western policy in the wake of the new Nato missile deployment, he said it was time the West took a long-term, productive look at ways of easing tension

Calling on the Russians to return to the negotiating table, Herr Genscher said they had three options: a return to confrontation; partial easing of tension through economic cooperation or efforts to achieve long-term cooperation based on equality.

Herr Genscher, who has urged Mr George Shultz to attend the Stockholm security conference next month, will meet the American Secretary of State next week. He clearly hopes to impress Washington that Europe is waiting for a new move to offset tension caused by the Nato missile deployment.

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Time limit on damages claims

SCOTLAND

The Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill, sponsored by Mr Alexander Eadie (Midlothian, Lab) obtained its second reading in the Commons after Mr Peter Fraser, Solicitor General for Scotland, had said it was an important measure of law reform. It represented a significant step forward in making the law relating to claims for personal injuries more readily understood and more likely to be helpful to those who required its protection.

Mr Eadie, explaining that the Bill would amend the law on time limits for bringing actions for damages for personal injuries or death, said it would cover not only the more obvious cases like road accidents but conditions which might not immediately be thought of as personal injury – such as those resulting from working in an unhealthy environment. Some industrial diseases could take a long time to become apparent.

Often it had to be left until death to prove what could not be proven in life and that was a harrowing experience for all.

His Bill was based on the Scottish Law Commission's draft Bill. There had been consultations with many interested parties. It restated the basic principle, though more clearly, that no action for personal injuries would be brought after three years from the date of the injury or the date that the claimant became aware of an injury.

There had to come a time when the book had to be closed. Defendants' records might be lost or destroyed and it was unfair and



Eadie: Basic principle restated more clearly

inefficient to require an employer to keep records too long simply to guard against a possible claim. The evidence of witnesses could be less reliable as time went by. His Bill would also help claims to be dealt with as quickly as possible.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C) said there must be a limit on the time in which actions could be brought. The recovery of the injured person was psychologically united in many cases with the settlement of the claim. No settlement, no recovery was a constant characteristic in reparation cases.

Mr Martin O'Neill, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, (Clackmannan, Lab) said the Opposition supported the Bill which would make a contribution to industries where there was a danger of injury or debilitating disease because individuals concerned were going about their business in hazardous conditions.

Mr Fraser said the Government supported the Bill. An open-ended time limit for actions would not be of major benefit even to claimants. Witnesses' recollections would become hazy and sometimes useless in ascertaining events.

Bill against power sharing adjourned

ULSTER

A Bill seeking to end power-sharing in the Northern Ireland Assembly was talked out in the Commons by Mr Nicholas Scott, Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Expressing regret at the withdrawal of the Official Unionist members from the assembly, following the bestial regime of violence which Northern Ireland had endured, he said it was precisely the objective of the terrorists who committed the Darkley atrocity to weaken and destabilise democratic institutions in the province.

Mr Kenneth Maginnis (Fermanagh and South Tyrone, UUP) said power sharing was contrary to the principles of British democracy. The Bill sought to transform the Assembly into a structure acceptable to Unionists, in accordance with his party's election policy.

It never occurred to the Government and Opposition front benches at Westminster to share power in the government of the United Kingdom. His party had never believed that insistence on power-sharing in Ulster was genuinely aimed at the extension of democratic devolution to the Province.

They could not accept any structure by which those who lost an election had a veto over those who won. His Bill proposed to make it possible to devolve administration, however gradual, to the Assembly without attaching to that devolution the veto of power-sharing, and would ensure some prospect of a future for the body.

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, DUP) said the only barrier that stood between a deal between London and Dublin was the elected forum of Northern Ireland, where the Unionists had a majority and could make their views known.

Mr James Molyneaux (Lagan Valley, OUP) said the assembly standing would be dramatically increased if the Government accepted the reasonable and practical proposals in the Bill.

Mr Clive Soley, an Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland (Hammersmith, Lab) said to attempt to torpedo the assembly at this time was not a good idea for anyone. The solution, at the end of the day, must involve an all-Ireland dimension.

Mr Nicholas Scott said it was too early to say it would not in due course be possible to produce proposals for the devolution of power to the assembly. The need for widespread acceptance of the government of Northern Ireland was a recognition of the realities of life in the province and not just a matter of political argument.

What the Bill in effect would do was to provide for a return to the system that existed in 1972 and which brought about the frustration and ultimately many of the problems they faced today.

There could be no stable or effective government in Northern Ireland that did not have a substantial measure of support in both parts of the community.

The Government still believed that the assembly, as it was regulated by the 1982 Act, offered the most hopeful framework for initiating a satisfactory solution of Northern Ireland's political difficulties.

The debate was adjourned.

Wheel clamps

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written Commons answer that in London up to November 18, 22,124 wheel clamp release charges of £19.50 each had yielded £431,418.

Russia to spell out line on cruise

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the Soviet Chief of Staff, is to spell out the hardline military response to cruise and Pershing at a Moscow press conference on Monday. The announcement came as *Pravda* yesterday made a blistering attack on Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, for suggesting that Russia might return to the Geneva talks despite the Nato deployments.

In a statement last week President Andropov said Moscow had walked out at Geneva because Nato deployments had made continuation of the talks impossible. He said the Soviet Union would return to "the situation which existed before" if Nato was prepared to do the same.

Herr Kohl said that this formula, which was repeated in letters from Mr Andropov to West European leaders, suggested Moscow might return to the negotiating table. *Pravda* described this yesterday as a "shameless deception". It said Western leaders were trying to create the impression that nothing special had happened and that in due course things would get back into their old routine, when in fact Mr Andropov had said quite explicitly that resumpon of the talks depended on the withdrawal of all American missiles in Europe.

"Nothing else was said or could be said either to Chancellor Kohl or anyone else". Diomats pointed out that in his original statement Mr Andropov had spoken of Nato "willingness" to return to the status quo ante rather than actual withdrawal of rockets.

Mashal Ogarkov is expected to maintain he hard line indicated in *Pravda* and to give details of Russia's counter measures.

Monday's press conference will be Marshal Ogarkov's second appearance before foreign journalists in three months. He had never answered questions until September, when he sought to explain the shooting-down of the Korean airliner over Sakhalin Island. As on that occasion, Marshal Ogarkov will be accompanied on Monday by Mr Georgy Kornyenko, the Deputy Foreign Minister, and Mr Leonid Zamyatin, a senior party official.

Before the airliner crisis, press conferences by high Soviet officials were rare.

With mystery still surrounding Mr Andropov's whereabouts, there are reports that the military are playing a decisive role in the formulation of arms control policy.

● **PARIS:** Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said here yesterday that he thought the Russians would return to the negotiating table on the reduction of intermediate range missiles soon, perhaps within a matter of months (Diana Geddes writes).

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Tory rebels give boost to Thatcher 'no deal, no cash' message to EEC

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The Tory rebels who abstained or voted against the Government on Thursday night in the debate on the EEC budget have done sterling service for Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Their message is precisely the one which she will be delivering forcefully from the time the European summit opens in Athens tomorrow afternoon to the time it ends some 48 difficult hours later.

The message is: No deal – no money. In other words, if the British Government and Parliament cannot be satisfied with the outcome of this crisis summit, there is no chance at all of the Community being given the extra cash it must have if it is not to go bankrupt, stagnate and disintegrate.

That has been the British message ever since the Stuttgart summit in June. It has been the *Leitmotiv* of Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr Nigel Lawson through the 11 very long days of complicated negotiation which they have slogged their way through on the way to the summit. It is only in the course of the last week, however, that the message appears to have got through. If there were any doubt at all remaining the vote in Westminster should have dispelled it.

The British delegation is travelling to Athens with no illusions that the argument is going to be easy to win. "Experience has taught us that it is better to approach these negotiations, not with optimism or pessimism, but with determination," and official said yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher, who will be attending her fourteenth summit, will be the most experienced in the ways of the EEC of all the leaders in Athens.

Underlying all the argument so far has been a mercenary clash of philosophies between those countries who believed the Community could spend its way out of trouble and those countries who would have had to provide the cash to do this. The would-be spenders were not net contributors to the EEC Budget.

What has happened in the course of the past week is that France has come down very firmly and clearly on the side of good housekeeping by tabling a paper on how to impose budgetary control. That has made the other countries realize at last that the spending has to stop.

France timed its sophisticated paper for controlling spending very carefully. It arrived in time for the summit, but too late to be tampered with by the Greek Presidency. If the approach it sets out is accepted by the summit – and the signs are that this could well happen – then detailed negotiation on it would take place next year when France is in the chair.

The French move has left the other countries with little choice. Either they accept a system of budgetary control, or they risk a failure at Athens which could destroy the Community.

There are still many detailed, difficult and divisive battles to be fought before there can be any final agreement. But if Athens can reach what British officials describe as "suitably specific" conclusions, then it ought to be possible for the next summit in Brussels in March to put the seal of approval to a package of measures which will create the "Europe of the second generation" which all agree is now essential if the Community is to survive.

Those "suitably specific" conclusions would have to be clear enough for Mrs Thatcher to be absolutely certain that there would be meaningful controls on Community spending and that Britain would not have to make a net contribution to the Community larger than a modest 0.1 per cent of the gross domestic product. At present levels that would be about £270m a year.

Only against such cast-iron assurances would Mrs Thatcher be prepared to consider recommending to the British Parliament that there should be an increase in the so-called "VAT ceiling".

At present, member-states are required to pay up to 1 per cent of value added tax receipts from a common basket of goods and services. That money is now not enough to meet the bills, and there will have to be a higher VAT rate if it is ever going to be possible to bring in Spain and Portugal, introduce new policies or even go on paying existing costs – hence the crisis.

If that ceiling is raised, Sir Geoffrey made clear to the Commons during the debate. That is because it would only agree to raising the ceiling if it won an adequate reduction in its contributions.

One cloud on the horizon is the European Parliament, which meets the following week to carry out a post mortem on the summit. It has given a warning that it might throw next year's budget out if insufficient progress is made, but the threat seems somewhat empty.

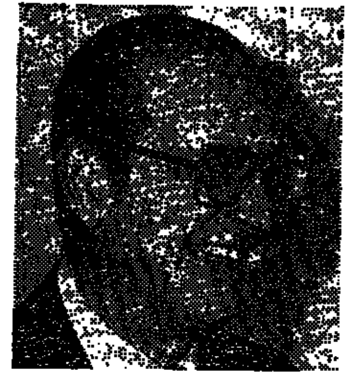
● LONDON: Mrs Thatcher made it clear she was sticking hard to her ultra-tough line during an hours talk with Mr Gaston Thorn, the President of the EEC Commission, in Downing Street yesterday (Patricia Clough writes).

There was "no question" of Britain giving its consent to an increase in the Community's own income until members had agreed on a solution to Britain's budget problem and to strict control of spending, a Downing Street spokesman said.

Two VIPs at Downing St



Mr Thorn: Visited 10 capitals for views.



M Chirac: Surprised by Britain's European spirit.

M Jacques Chirac, the larger-than-life, chain-smoking Mayor of Paris and leader of the Gaullist RPR Party, declared himself surprised yesterday, at the end of a visit to London, at the extent of Britain's commitment to Europe (Our Foreign Staff writes).

"The English are more European than we think in France and more than in the past," he said at the end of a three-day "private" visit filled with meetings with public figures, including Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary



Freedom wave: Mr Heineken (left) and Mr Doderer, his chauffeur, released on Wednesday.

Heineken tells how he lay chained in cell

Amsterdam (Reuter)' – Mr Alfred Heineken, the Dutch brewery chief rescued by police from kidnappers on Wednesday, told yesterday how he lay chained for three weeks in a cold, damp cell, trying to stay alive.

Mr Heineken, aged 60, one of the richest men in Europe, gave his first public account of his ordeal in a statement released by his company.

He said he had only one warm meal a day and an occasional bucket of water to wash in. He used a broken plastic fork to comb his hair. He hardly saw his single, masked jailer, who insisted on communicating mainly by sign langnague and notes.

Mr Heineken's chauffeur, Mr Ab Doderer, who was held in an adjoining cell in an Amsterdam warehouse, said in a separate statement that he invented execises to try and keep active, despite his chains.

Nine of the 20 people still held in connection with the kidnapping were released yesterday. Police said they were satisfied the five women and four men had nothing to do with it.

Police are still seeking three men, at least two of whom are believed to be in Spain, and about $9m (£4.5m) of an $11m ransom payment.

Police, who watched the kidnappers for some days before the ransom payment and rescue, believe they hold at least four of the organizers of the crime.

Mr Heineken said he spent much of his waking time in his cell pondering or reading by the light of a single, poor bulb.

"There was no daylight apart from through a single small hole in the ceiling," his statement said. "My left hand was chained fast, so my freedom of movement was almost nil."

They said they realized they were held close to each other only after four days.

Mr Doderer said he realized he was being rescued when he heard a voice say: "Damn, there is no match," and he guessed that police were trying to break in.

Both men said they were in good health, and Mr Heineken added that he had kept his sense of humour during captivity "although there wasn't much chance to exercise it".

Botha defies the West on reforms

By Leslie Plommer

Mr R. F. Pik Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, declared in London yesterday that his Government would not make changes based on external demands amounting to a recipe for "capitulation" by the South African administration.

He was "sick" of complaints from abroad and tired of "hypocritical and false moral attitudes" held by some Governments in Europe and elsewhere towards South Africa.

But Mr Botha's visit to London as part of a tour of Western capitals has apparently taken some of the heat out of South Africa's relations with the British Government. Nevertheless, neither side has changed its position as a result of his hour-long talk yesterday with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary. The two also met informally last night at the South African Embassy.

Both ministers had been expecting a stormy session yesterday.

Pretoria forestalls Seychelles plot

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Another attempt to form a mercenary force to carry out a coup d'état in the Seychelles is being investigated by police in South Africa.

Mr Louis Le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, said in a statement in Pretoria yesterday that five people have been detained and are being interrogated by the security police. They included British and Zimbabwe citizens.

Mr Le Grange said the South African Government took a serious view of the alleged plan and was "not prepared to allow any such developments to take place within this country."

According to the police information the plan was instigated by people living in Britain representing a Seychelles exile organization, the Mouvement Pour la Résistance.

In November, 1981, a group of mercenaries recruited in South Africa and led by Colonel Michael "Mad Mike" Hoare staged an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow the Seychelles Government of President Albert René and instal the exiled Mr James Mancham back in power.

Col Hoare, aged 65, is now serving a 12-year jail sentence in a South African prison for his role in seizing an Air India airliner in which th memercenaries, who called themselves the "Ancient Order of Frothblowers," escaped back to South Africa.

Most of the others are now out of jail after receiving sentences which were mostly suspended. At their trial it was claimed that their weapons were supplied by the South African Defence Force and that the coup attempt had the approval of people in high authority.

The trial was held after an international outcry over South Africa's apparent indifference to the coup attempt which was summed up by a remark made by Mr Le Grange: "All they did was break a few windows."

Rapists plea against castration

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

Three men convicted in South Carolina of raping and torturing a woman are appealing against the extraordinary and controversial sentence passed on them. The judge said they could choose between 30 years in jail or surgical castration.

The sentence has been strongly praised and fiercely criticized. Castration is favoured by advocates of tougher official attitudes to criminals, but it is condemned by others as barbaric and unconstitutional.

The judge's critics say: "If, as a society, we say it is all right to castrate rapists, we might also agree that we should offer thieves the choice between jail and having a hand cut off."

The rape case shocked the small town of Anderson. Judge Victor Pyle said it was the "most horrible" he had ever heard. The three men – aged 27, 21 and 19 – pleaded guilty to raping a 23-year-old woman over a period of six hours in a motel. She was also burnt with a cigarette lighter and lost four pints of blood.

Judge Pyle has said he will not change the sentence. He claims it is fair because the three are not being forced to submit to castration – they have a choice.

The men have appealed against the sentence and their lawyers have advised them not to make a choice in the meantime. If castrated, they would go on probation for five years.

Many people are disturbed by the idea that violent men could go free after being castrated or that mutilation could be considered an alternative to a jail sentence.

The director of a rape advice centre in South Carolina said rape is a crime of violence rather than of sex. She said castration of rapists had an emotional appeal, but there was a danger that castrated men might be even more violent after the operation.

Other opponents of the sentence suggest castration might not necessarily prevent men having sex and raping again.

Proconsul ape did not reign alone

Nairobi – Remains of a 17 million-year-old ape-like creature, discovered recently in northern Kenya, are expected to lead to a revision of existing theories about the earliest ancestors of man and apes (Charles Harrison writes).

Mr Richard Leakey, director of the National Museums of Kenya, said here yesterday that the latest finds, made in a waterless area close to the Ethiopian border a few weeks ago, were "clearly distinct" from the proconsul ape, which is known to have existed at the same period and hitherto was to be the earliest ancestor of all primates and man.

Now it seems that the proconsul was not alone – but lives alongside a different creature, twice the size of proconsul, and with a quite different jaw and facial characterstics.

First news of the finds was given in Washington by an American professor, Alan Walker, who took part in the expedition. The announcement angered Mr Leakey.

Basques bomb US targets

San Sebastian (Reuter) – Basque separatist guerrillas, in the worst campaign against US interests in the region for many years, bombed eight American targets causing extensive damage but no injuries.

The bombs exploded on Thursday night in Coca Cola plants here and in Pamplona, at the offices of the NCR computer company in San Sebastian and in Vitoria and at a Pepsi-Cola plant in Vitoria.

Flynt held for trying to flee

Anchorage (Reuter) – Mr Larry Flynt, the sex magazine publisher, saying he wanted to go to Moscow to give President Andropov a cancer cure, flew to Alaska yesterday – and was promptly arrested and ordered back to Los Angeles.

He was detained for breaking an order not to leave the jurisdiction of a Los Angeles court, which is fining him £12,500 a day for refusing to reveal the source of a tape recording involving the car maker John De Lorean.

Dog deadline

Peking (AP) – Dog owners in Peking have been given three more weeks to get rid of their pets voluntarily before the authorities enforce a ban on them. Despite official claims that extermination teams have killed 200,000 dogs in the past six weeks, there have been no reported sightings of the extermination squads.

Briton freed

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Mr David Rabkin, a British journalist who was jailed in 1976 for 10 years for offences under South Africa's terrorism and internal security laws, has been freed, three years before his sentence expired.

Dingo case

Canberra (Reuter) – The Australian High Court reserved judgment on the final appeal of Lindy Chamberlain against a life sentence for murdering her *baby daughter in the so-called* Dingo murder case. Chamberlain, aged 35, jailed in April, had maintained that a dingo snatched her baby.

Nazi centre

Bonn (Reuter) – Parliament approved a motion by the opposition Social Democrats to establish a public documentation and information centre chronicling the Nazi persecution of Jews and other people.

Former spy chief held in bribes case

From John Earle
Rome

General Giuseppe Santovito, former head of Italian military intelligence and a member of the banned P2 Masonic lodge, was arrested here early yeasterday on orders of a magistrate investigating a Mafia-type bribery case.

The central figure in the case is Signor Alvaro Giardili, a businessman arrested a month ago and accused of being involved in offering bribes for two contracts, one to rebuild houses after the Naples earthquake of 1980, the other to conduct an aerial photographic survey of Sicily.

The authorities have given no details of the charge against General Santovito or of his alleged involvement in the Giardili investigation.

After his arrest, the general's wife, Giulietta, said: "A plot is under way against my husband and his arrest is the proof."

Arrests and curfew in Bangladesh

Ershad in fear of army coup

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

Lieutenant-General Ershad has stamped hard on the dissident political parties in Bangladesh following the bloody demonstrations in Dhaka and Chittagong. The leadership of the main parties is either arrested or on the run. Heavily armed soldiers man key intersections in the capital. A curfew was in force last night for seven hours from 10pm.

The permission for the resumption of political activity which General Ershad generously announced as the Queen's aircraft was approaching Zia international airport at the beginning of her state visit here a fortnight ago has been hurriedly scrapped.

But yesterday, the presence of troops patrolling the streets was considerably diminished from the previous two days. On Wednesday and Thursday soldiers were evident everywhere in the city.

On Friday, the Muslim Sunday, the streets were much less crowded and the soldiers more discreet. The day also saw the arrival of officials from countries attending the Islamic foreign ministers conference due to begin here next week.

It is the first big international conference that Bangladesh has hosted, and the presence of so many ditinguished foreigners may be the reason for both the heavy clampdown and now the apparent discretion of the forces.

It is felt likely by Bangladeshi observers that the politicians will lie low now until the foreign ministers' conference is over but that political agitation will be resumed with a vengence after that.

Among leaders of the political movement who have been arrested are the two women leaders of the principal opposition parties, Shaikh Hasina Wajed, daughter of Bangladesh's first Prime Minister, and Begum Khalida Zia, the widow of the assassinated President Zia ur-Rahman.

Mr Tipu Biswas, a Maoist and former Naxalite, who now supports Begun Zia, has also been arrested together with Mrs Ivy Rahman, wife of the former secretary-general of the Awami League – Shaikh Hasina's party – and Mrs Sajeda Chandhury, the present acting secretary-general of the League.

Official figures show that over 600 people have been arrested altogether. Most of them were picked up in Dhaka and Chittagong

General Ershad, who seized power 20 months ago and dismissed the elected President, has promised to return the country to democratic rule. He has announced that a presidential election will be held next May and parliamentary elections in November.

It appears that one possible fear of General Ershad's is that the unity of the armed forces could be undermined, and that he could be replaced, not necessarily by a democratic government, but by another general.

Druze in mourning for shaikh

From Our Correspondent
Beirut

Hundreds of Druze gathered in West Beirut yesterday to mourn their murdered chief jurist, Shaikh Halim Takieddine, and to call on the Government to find his murderer. Druze women walked silently past Shaikh Takieddine's body, in a simple wooden coffin, at a Druze centre.

In Tripoli, a spokesman for Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, said Syria had turned down a request to guarantee the safety of an International Red Cross ship due into the port to transport wounded Arafat loyalists for treatment elsewhere. The accusation could not be confirmed independently.

● NEW YORK: The mandate of the UN peacekeeping forces on the Golan Heights has been extended for six months by the Security Council (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

Dr Runcie in China as a friend

Pekin (Reuter) – The Archbishop of Canterbury arrived in Peking yesterday on the first official visit to China by the spiritual head of the Anglican church.

Dr Runcie said: "We shall bring messages of friendship not only from Anglicans but from other Christians because we represent them all."

A spokesman said the church had a role in creating trust and understaning over the future of Hongkong after the lease on most of the British colony expires in 1997.

Dr Runcie made an unofficial visit to China in January, 1982, when he went to a Protestant seminary in Nanking but did not come to Peking.

Asked whether he would raise the issue of four Chinese Catholic priests who have been imprisoned for refusing to renounce ties with the Vatican, the Archbishop said: "We will see what we shall raise when we see what the programme is."

Junta did not expect a war

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

The latest published excerpts from the top-secret Rattenbach report on Argentina's defeat in the Falklands war reveal that the junta which ordered the occupation of the islands did not seriously consider the possibility that Britain would react with military force.

The weekly magazine *Siete Dias* published on Wednesday the second instalment of excerpts from the military's definitive investigation of the war, which strongly condemns the decision to seize the islands and states that confused strategic planning led the country into a war for which it was not prepared.

"A British reaction, including the massive use of military force, was considered little short of impossible" by the military and civilian officials who planned the Argentine occupation, the report says.

In a nine-month study of the war, the special military commission which drafted the report found that the military junta began planning an invasion of the Falklands as early as January 12, 1982, several months before Argentine workmen on South Georgia triggered a diplomatic incident which led to the war.

In its last scheduled meeting before turning over power to the elected civilian government, the junta ordered both military and civilian courts to look into possible violations of secrecy laws in the publication of the report.

Air Commodore Carlos Rey, one of the authors of the report, said the leak "is extremely serious and a breach of a national secret", and that it was probably "due to motives of profits".

Señor Raul Borras, designated to be Defence Minister under President-elect Raul Alfonsin, said that the Rattenbach report would be used as the first step in the future Government's own investigation of who was responsible for the Falklands war.

As President, Señor Alfonsin will have the final word on the fate of those military officers court-martialled by the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces. That court-martial has begun summary proceedings but will probably take several months to pass a verdict on those indicted by the Rattenbach report.

There are only 10 copies of the 300-page report in existence, and *Siete Dias* said it had access to the copy sent to the current junta.

Time to talk, says Steel

By Our Political Editor

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, said yesterday that failure to pursue negotiations with Argentina over the Falkland Islands would be to abandon a crucial opportunity presented by Argentina's return to democracy.

Speaking to members of Edinburgh University Air Squadron, he said that a policy of "Fortress Falklands", made necessary by war, was no long-term answer and was profoundly damaging to Britain's national defence commitments. The economic burden of defending the islands, at about £750m a year, was more than the total air defence cost of Britain.

There had been a "clear renunciation of hostilities and the future use of force" by Argentina. Continuation of hostilities could only lead to greater defence spending.

SPORTING DIARY

Potent penalty

A warning to all footballers: do not score a hat-trick. A man can get himself sent off that way. Referee Clive "The Book" Thomas of Porthcawl has vowed that players doing too much celebrating after scoring will be warned for the first offence, booked for the second and sent off for the third.

Mr Thomas, who booked seven people and sent off an eighth (for non-scoring offences) in a midweek match, is concerned that running at crowds and making phallic gestures of delight and defiance to friend and foe causes crowd violence. "I recently saw a senior international player sparking off the opposition crowd with his celebrations."

Hard Times

Spare a thought for Paul Harrison. For the first time in three seasons of reporting on volleyball for *The Times*, he had a real news story: mighty Speedwell Rucanor's run of 79 wins ended last weekend. Unfortunately, the paper didn't appear.

Orient excess

The Orient Express trip to Cheltenham for the Gold Cup will set you back £120, but don't try to sneak on board without a ticket. On last year's trip to Cheltenham there was one stowaway on the outward journey and two on the return; they were escorted to the baggage compartment and set down at the first convenient point. There were also two stowaways on the Hennessy Gold Cup trip to Newbury last weekend, but they both coughed up and the Injured Jockeys' Fund benefited from their transgression.

Red letter day

Officials in East Germany are unhappy about their visa application forms for the Olympic Games in Los Angeles next summer and have sent a letter of protest to the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee. The forms put membership of the communist party in the same category as drug addiction and contagious diseases.

BARRY FANTONI



'At least we get good reception on Radio Luxembourg'

Dressed to kilt

Darts players are ready to cast aside their embroidered maternity smocks and don dinner suits. A tobacco company plans to sponsor a smoother, up-market game of darts. The worrying news is that Jocky Wilson will wear a kilt. "I've got the legs for it," he says.

Swanning about

And the result of the varsity match is: Cambridge University 100 points (15 goals 10 behinds; Oxford 51 points (seven goals, nine behinds). The match, played at Trinity College new field recently, was of course Australian Rules football. For some unfathomable reason, Swan Lager were asked to sponsor the occasion, and did so with a warm heart and cold tinnies.

● **Quote of the Week:** Even if the club goes bust, it is better than moving to Milton Keynes – *Tom Hunt, spokesman for Luton Town Supporters Club.*

Starting Price

If the bookies trembled at Fontwell Park last week, who can blame them? The effervescent former trainer Ryan Price was making his first trip to the races for 14 months after being laid low by illness. A blow to see such a man on the sidelines but for all that every Price-trained horse I backed seemed to lose. Captain Price will be able to live with that, however. For 20 years he has consistently managed to maintain that he never bets.

Nice one, Fred

Freddie Trueman has probably caused more radios to be drop-kicked through more french windows than any other sport commentator. He is a man renowned for his discerning, and above all, generous criticism of the modern fast bowler. My favourite example of Trueman at his best has always been his remark: "I should be ashamed to draw my pay if I bowled like that in a Test. The worst bowling with a new ball I've ever seen." That was at Old Trafford in 1981 and the bowler criticized was Bob Willis. In his next six overs, the Goose took three wickets.

Now I learn of another fine example of Trueman at work. Commenting on a match between Australia and West Indies, with Australia 100 for two, Trueman said: "Winston Davis knows he can never be a fast bowler." Australia all out for 151, Davis seven for 51.

Simon Barnes

Bernard Levin at the Royal Academy



Carpaccio's Lion: from the Doge's Palace to pride of place in Piccadilly

A vastness of Venice but still not enough

There was I, in the Royal Academy, standing in front of Titian's *The Flaying of Marsyas* and doing no harm to anybody, when up comes Professor John Hale himself and seizes my arm. "By thy long grey beard and glittering eye", I inquired, "now wherefore stopp'st thou me?" He held me with his glittering eye (I could not choose but hear), and thus spake on that ancient man, the bright-eyed Mariner. "You must write", he said, "an entire article about this picture." I demurred, but thought it only right to give my reasons. "I fear thee, ancient Mariner", I remarked; "I fear thy skinny hand. And", I added, "thou art long, and lank, and brown, as is the ribbed sea-sand."

Eftsoons his hand dropt he. But as a matter of fact, though I am unable to respond to very late Titian, the picture is practically the only item in this gigantic and sumptuous array of masterpieces that I could *not* write an entire article about, and the first thing I must do, therefore, is to salute, with admiration, amazement, gratitude and reverence, Professor Hale and the team he has led in devising and putting together *The Genius of Venice 1500-1600*, surely the mightiest show to grace the walls of the academy in living memory.

It starts, as well it might, with the Barbari map of Venice, and goes on with Carpaccio's *Lion of St Mark*, ripped from the walls of the Doge's Palace to delight Londoners. Then, after an account of the second Battle of Lepanto (one of the reasons, dear reader, why you and I are not Mohammedans), the visitor turns right, through an archway.

Pause in that opening. It is the first of a series, all in line; look, therefore, straight across the long gallery that lies before you, across the next room and the next. The eye fetches up against the far wall of the last gallery in the series. There, dead ahead of you but 40 yards away, is a Lorenzo Lotto, of St Christopher with the Christ-child, that you simply will not believe possible. Ignore the riches to right and left – there is plenty of time – and march straight towards the Lotto, convinced that as you get closer it will prove to be a striking but ordinary picture. You will find that, on the contrary, your first impression from a distance conveyed no more than a hint of the roaring furnace of energy and colour that the canvas holds. (The catalogue note, by Professor Pietro Zampetti, says demurely that the painting is "of great chromatic intensity".

Retrace your steps. Enter the first gallery you looked across to see the Lotto. It is *bulging* with Titians; the exhibition includes 20 of his paintings, together with eight drawings. Leave out the *Marsyas*, on which we shall never agree, and come and stand with me before the *Portrait of Ranuccio Farnese*; without moving your feet you can see also his *Portrait of Two Boys* and his *Tarquin and Lucretia* (another late picture, but without the dangerously free draughtsmanship that makes me uneasy in the *Marsyas*); no great distance away is his *Portrait of Cristofero Madruzzo*. These people cry out with the life in them; not Rembrandt himself, born 20 years after Titian died, set the blood pulsing more strongly through his figures, and the virility in Titian is a quality shared by almost all these Venetians.

Tintoretto is represented almost as amply as Titian; so is Veronese, on whom I dote more than any of the other artists of Venice (would that it had been possible to remove the end wall of Gallery X from the Accademia and bring it here to show us his *Supper at the House of Levi*, all 42 feet of it); Lotto, Moroni, Bassano, Paris Bordone, Palma Vecchio, Pordenone – all these artists are strewn about the Royal Academy until next March as though the lenders didn't love them, which in the case of the Accademia often seems to be true.

There is no painting by Carpaccio other than the *Lion*, but there are three drawings, and one of them will make every Carpaccio-lover, and indeed every Venice-lover, howl with the yearning to go at once to the Scuola di S. Giorgio degli Schiavoni, for it is a sketch of what became the last picture in the St Jerome series there, little white dog and all.

I could go on for hours picking plums out of the pie, but this exhibition is not just a collection of masterpieces; it is the gorgeous sunface of Venice in the days of her swelling pride and assured achievement. The century had begun in defeat; the coalition of Italian states, angered and frightened by the apparently irresistible growth of Venetian power, had allied themselves with the Turks, who destroyed a Venetian fleet at the first Battle of Lepanto in 1499 and imposed humiliating terms on the arrogant republic.

The sixteenth century is the story of how Venice regained her former position; 72 years after the first Lepanto, she had her revenge at the second:

> Cervantes on his galley sets the sword back in the sheath
> *(Don John of Austria rides homeward with a wreath.)*
> And he sees across a weary land a straggling road in Spain,
> Up which a lean and foolish knight forever rides in vain,
> And he smiles, but not as Sultans smile, and settles back the blade . . .
> *(But Don John of Austria rides home from the Crusade.)*

Long before the century's close, of course, the seeds of decay had begun to sprout; by the end of the seventeenth century Venice was worm-eaten through and through, and it was an empty shell that Napoleon blew down with a single breath. Let us be thankful that nobody concerned in this exhibition wanted to take it to the middle of the eighteenth century, so that we would have seen Canaletto and Tiepolo fiddling while Venice burned.

We see the work of some of the most confident artists in all history, painting, living and working in a polity that had not yet lost its overweening confidence in its own power, riches and endurance. They were not, the geniuses who adorn the Academy, court painters in any sense; they had to watch their step, of course, and Veronese got into frightful trouble with the Inquisition for *Supper at the House of Levi* itself, being accused of blasphemy for the wonderful informality of it all. And an artist painting a great nobleman of the city would not have put the warts in even if the sitter had asked him to. But no one can go to *The Genius of Venice* and fail to realize that these men knew their own quality, and thought it no shame to demonstrate what they knew. If you doubt me, go back and take another look at the Lotto *St Christopher*.

The exhibition is vast, but I would have liked it vaster; I would like to have seen more of the *objets* – glass, jewelry, furniture of sixteenth century Venice. (There are some fine sculptures, most of them small, which hint at what we are missing. But this is greed on my part, as is my feeling that invisible orchestras should be gently playing Monteverdi as we go round). What we have is magnificent, for it is a demonstration of a century of art that makes a statement as clear, assertive and unambiguous about its time and place as does the voice of Renaissance Florence, or for that matter the Funeral Oration of Pericles and Shakespeare's *Histories*. (The catalogue, in scope and quality, is fully worthy of what it records.)

On the whole, the artists of sixteenth century Venice did not paint their own history or their own time, apart from what can be be read from their portraits; Carpaccio's *Lion* was the republic's sign-manual, it is true, but he is in heaven at this moment for the St Jeromes and the St Ursulas. All the same, it is history, and not just art history, that floods Burlington House, and from the moment we see the Barbari at the entrance we are part of another world, another time, and we remain conscious of that otherness through every step we take. It is said that the Royal Academy has gambled heavily on this exhibition, which can either restore its fortunes or bring it close to disaster, according to whether it is a success or a failure. It deserves to be the greatest success in the Academy's history, as for Professor Hale, the Academicians should make him a present of the Michelangelo *tondo* to put on his mantelpiece.

The Venice exhibition ends on March 11.

J. Enoch Powell

Time to ring round our illusions

It is 23 years since Britain announced that "the recognition and maintenance of the independence, territorial integrity and security of the Republic of Cyprus" was in the common interest of itself, Greece and Turkey.

Part of Cyprus has now seceded from the republic and declared itself an independent republic. This does not appear to be a breach of the treaty, since none of the four parties to it have apparently failed to "prohibit activity aimed at promoting" that outcome. So what has happened? We protested and we condemned the secession; but if the inhabitants of northern Cyprus do not, as it appears they do not, wish to be part of the Republic of Cyprus, what justification have we for saying they ought not to have their way? What British interest, whether or not a "common" interest with Greece or Turkey, is served by our condemnation or disapproval of what has happened?

Our interests in 1983 are not the same as were our interests in 1960. It does not matter a fig to us whether Cyprus comprises two republics or one republic. Even supposing that the residual republic tried to vent its displeasure upon us by calling the sovereign base areas into doubt, the question would still have to be answered: what British interest do the base areas serve?

So far from the bases being a British interest in 1983, they are a menace to our interest. The detachment of 100 British soldiers in Lebanon is evidence, by its insignificance, that no real British interest there is at stake and that no physical British effort is being exerted.

It is *also* evidence of the assumed imperative of British policy – that wherever the United States gets into a scrape we must arrange to get some of the egg on our own face. The sovereign bases were not literally essential for marooning our 100 men in Lebanon. But although not physically essential, they are still psychologically effective, in sustaining the delusion that Britain has a presence in the Levant.

British policy has not yet come to terms with the modern facts of geopolitics. In a military sense our real power and interests may be represented by concentric rings with the point of the compass upon the United Kingdom, rings in which power and interests diminish progressively in inverse ratio to the square of the distance from the centre. The inner rings extend over Western Europe and up to the Arctic Circle, and a sort of bulge carries them far out into the Atlantic. But by the time Eastern Europe and the Middle East are reached they have become so faint as to be invisible. Whatever happens there and farther east and south will be neither determined nor influenced by Britain.

Vast realignments will no doubt take place in Asia and Africa in obedience to the rise and decline, the strength and weakness, of the forces in play. These realignments may or may not have indirect implications for the defence and safety of the UK. But those implications will have to come within range of our actual power, before we can recognize them, let alone take steps to cope with them.

Unfortunately we are not permitted to talk this language of our own common sense; for we have committed ourselves to two monstrously absurd propositions, both of them explicable historically and psychologically but rationally indefensible. One is that we depend hand and foot for our survival upon the military and political will of the US. The other is that we are part of an embryo world power which comprises most of the nations of Europe outside the Russian orbit. Consequently we find ourselves obliged to conform with the hallucinations of America and the conscious make-believe of Europe.

It is difficult to describe the American picture of the world without resorting to pathological terms. Under the influence of a global delusion the United States treats the law of the inverse square as if it were non-existent: it attributes to its perceived global enemy, Russia, the same ability which it attributes to itself to ignore the realities of geography and humanity. Hence the weird combination which the Americans exhibit of hysterical anxiety about their own safety with overweening confidence in their power to organize the peoples and the affairs of distant continents.

The effect upon us of the American delusion has been compounded by the effect of the European make-believe. We have got to the point when a European decision and European authority are claimed for every external act of the UK, as though Belgium and Luxembourg, West Germany and Denmark either shared the same perspectives or accepted a jot of genuine responsibility for the cloudy assertions which are made in their name in all the quarters of the globe.

All bad things, like all good things, come to an end. One day – and why not soon? – the United Kingdom, if it survives as such at all, will recover the ability to perceive the outside world from its own standpoint and not that of others. Those who raise their voices against our two manias while they still last – the American mania and the European mania – are doing what lies in their power to bring that blessed day nearer.

Taken from a speech delivered in Glasgow yesterday.

Burn-ups in slow motion

Two hundred years ago the first manned balloon took off from Paris on its maiden flight (right), carrying with it man's hope of liberation from his earth-bound existence. Richard Holmes looks back to those pioneers of gasbag grandeur and reflects on its jet-age renaissance

There is something about ballooning that goes to the head; and I don't mean the champagne. When the very first man-carrying Montgolfière – a gorgeous blue and gold creation, 75-feet high, with the Signs of the Zodiac emblazoned round its crown – rose up from the Bois de Boulogne in November 1783, the crowd below burst into applause and song. As the balloon passed over Les Invalides at 500 feet, the pilot, de Rozier, felt an unexpected vibration in the Montgolfière's circular gallery (the classic balloon basket had yet to be designed). De Rozier called out to his companion, the Marquis d'Arlandes, hidden from him on the far side of the balloon. "What are you doing, Monsieur? Are you having a dance, perhaps?"

Anyone who has ever travelled in a balloon can quite believe that he was. It is an intoxicating experience. My own first flight was made from a field in Normandy, in a red and white striped "Montgolfier moderne" called Les Quatre Vents. With its roaring propane burner, and huge stately canopy overhead, it was like riding on a cross between a dragon and a cloud.

In the silent interval between burns, I watched the world turn gently on its axis far below (the balloon itself feels perfectly still), and heard a dog bark, a bicycle bell ring, and a pheasant call in the distant woods. From that moment I entered into a zone of enchantment that has left me faintly dissatisfied with earth-bound existence ever since.

The bicentenary this winter of man's first free flights (in a Montgolfière or hot air balloon on November 21, and in a Charlière or hydrogen balloon on December 1) marks an anniversary of the imagination, as much as a scientific breakthrough.

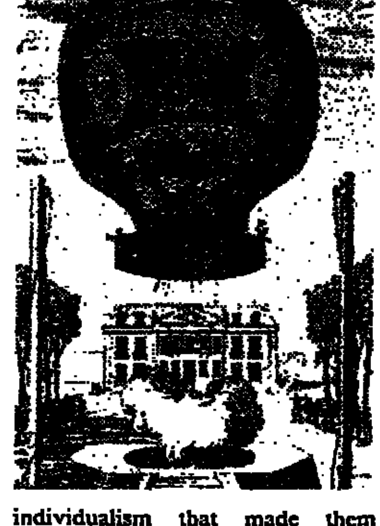
Men had flown in their dreams, of course, long before this. Chinese flying chariots, Arabian magic carpets, and a rich variety of bird-drawn ships, ten-league magic boots, and cannisters of incandescent fairy dust had come to their aid. Leaving aside the somewhat sketchy data on the flights of Icarus and Ariel, we may note that King Bladud (father of King Lear) was killed in a crash-landing on the Temple of Apollo in 852 BC; while Oliver of Malmesbury died tower jumping with bird's wings in 1020 AD – the first of many such feathery fatalities.

In 1638, the Bishop of Hereford, perhaps the most poetic of all dream flyers, had more success flying to the moon in a harness of wild swans. And Cyrano de Bergerac, an early proponent of solar energy, rose effortlessly to the stars in an aerodynamic belt of glass globes containing melting dew. Regular pious levitations were also performed by many medieval Italian saints rising out of their choir stalls in the odour of sanctity. These spectacular achievements all tended to overshadow the helicopters and parachutes of Leonardo da Vinci that were quietly entered into his notebooks and ignored for centuries.

But to fly for real: this added a wholly new dimension to human hopes. The intrepid balloonists (the adjective became their exclusive patent) created a new kind of folk hero for western scientific culture. The late eighteenth century balloon craze was first dominated by showmen like Blanchard and Lunardi. "You will observe, Madam, that the balloon engages all mankind," remarked Johnson weightily to Mrs Thrale.

But with the nineteenth century came more deliberate pioneers and inventors. Among many one may pick out the Godard family (including Fanny Godard who flew in white silk tights), a firm that eventually built the Paris Siege ballons; Glaisher and Coxwell, who flew above 30,000 feet without oxygen, writing cool, impeccable notes about their blackouts; Nadar who invented aerial photography; and John Wise who discovered the "jetstreams" of the upper air and first ballooned right across America. Many of their stories are retold in a forgotton classic, with beautiful illustrations by Tissandier (himself a great ballonist), *Travels in the Air* (1871) by Glaisher and de Fonvielle.

These balloonists were all larger-than-life figures. They combined the talents of inventors, explorers, and publicists with a natural daring and



individualism that made them flamboyant prophets of the scientific age. They had the meticulousness of the technocrat, and the mildly deranged romanticism of the poet. Most characteristic of them all, perhaps, was the Swedish engineer Salomon August Andrée, who mounted an expediton to fly across the North Pole in 1897, and was lost in the Arctic wastes.

Andrée's flight diary was miraculously recovered with his body, and those of his two companions, years later beneath the ice of White Island, east of Spitsbergen, in 1930. It contains the following entry, made on July 14, 1897, while hanging 99 feet above the northern pack ice: "It is not a little strange to be floating here above the Polar Sea. To be the first that have floated here in a balloon. How soon, I wonder, shall we have successors? Shall we be thought mad, or shall our example be followed? I cannot deny but all three of us are dominated by a feeling of pride. We think we can well face death, having done what we have done. Is not the whole, perhaps, the expression of an extremely strong sense of individuality, which cannot bear the thought of living and dying like a man in the ranks, forgotten by coming generations? Is this ambition? The rattling of the guidelines in the snow and the flapping of the sails are the only sounds heard, except the whining of the wind in the basket."

This moving passage seems to sum up so much of the heroism of those early aeronauts, and their passionate belief in scientific progress. Yet it is also shadowed by an awareness of hubris, a sense of the Quixotic nature of their endeavours.

For ballooning has always had its Quixotic aspect, part comic and part catastrophic. The spectacular airship crashes of the 1930s convinced most people that the future lay with fixed-wing aircraft. The balloon in the twentieth century came to seem like one of the romantic dead-ends of scientific history, a reject of evolution, just like the pterodactyl and the dodo, not to mention the dragon. For years its main commercial inheritance was the barrage balloon and the advertising blimp, a sad and somnolent demise.

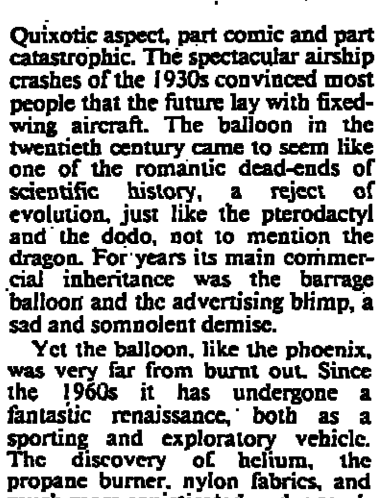
Yet the balloon, like the phoenix, was very far from burnt out. Since the 1960s it has undergone a fantastic renaissance, both as a sporting and exploratory vehicle. The discovery of helium, the propane burner, nylon fabrics, and much more sopisticated understanding of meteorology, all have revolutionized the balloonist's art. There are flourishing balloon clubs and federations in every country in Western Europe. (the East is apparently more problematic, though a famous balloon escape took place over the East German wire in 1979).

Safari ballooning, Arctic ballooning, Alpine ballooning, have become specialist sports. At the annual ballooning international Hot Air Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico, more than 200 brilliantly coloured aerostats can be seen rising simultaneously into the blue on summer mornings.

The crossing of the Atlantic in 1978 by Double Eagle II; and the establishing of new high altitude hot air balloon records by the British balloonist Julian Nott in 1974 and 1980 (his frail blue carbon-fibre pressurized gondola is on display at the Science Museum) have pioneered a new heroic age of aerostatics.

For the appeal of ballooning corresponds, surely, to something permanent and restless in the human spirit. It is the appeal and the magic of free flight, flying inside the wind and open to it, at its mercy but also at its grace.

The French philospher Gaston Bachelard has written in his wonderful study, *L'Air et les Songes*, of the eternal human dream of the "aerial experience", of the "liberating airborn movement", of free ascent and descent, as a necessity of the imagination, as part of our very notion of what "freedom" is. In the end, ballooning is a kind of metaphor of this human aspiration. It lifts us into a renewed world, both perilous and beautiful. Its touch of absurdity is part of its charm and truth. Our future skies need balloons, far more than they need missiles. We must learn to dance in the air again.



Roy Strong

Essentially English, with a new vitality

Just before the last war my late mother-in-law's nanny had a farm ouside Henley from which "a nice young Mr Piper" used to give her lifts into town. That marked my wife's first awareness of the artist John Piper.

Mine was that of a generation which grew up on King Penguins and Penguin Modern Painters. The former, which appeared in 1950, was the volume dedicated to the Romney Marsh with its watercolours of landscapes and buildings already executed in that idiosyncratic alliance of crayon, wash and ink which Piper developed over the years as his particular vehicle for interpreting the countryside. The latter came out earlier, in 1948, and included two of the great series commissioned by the Queen Mother during the war, of Windsor Castle, which now adorn the library at Clarence House and of which legend has it that George VI remarked "I'm sorry that you had such bad weather, Mr Piper".

I was also hypnotised by one of his earliest theatre designs for the ballet *The Quest*. I remember Doris Langley Moore later telling me she had to concoct a patriotic plot in order to get Ashton out of the army to appear – and what better source than Book One of the *Faerie Queen*.

These are early impressions made on an adolescent by an artist whose 80th birthday we now celebrate. There can have been few so prolific in this century, literally thousands of drawings, paintings, graphic works, theatre design, stained glass, photography and ceramics. What small verse can I possibly add to the hymn of praise now arising?

What I wish to sing about may seem a small and very insular thing, Piper's very Englishness. The work of other giants of his generation – Moore, Hepworth, Sutherland or Nicolson – could, in the main, be plonked down anywhere. They are products of international modernism. Their imagery and iconography have been less tempered by the vast literary and visual heritage of their own country. Piper has never turned his back on that and, to a degree, has, as a result, suffered in the esteem of fashionable critics. And always he has loyally remained with us and never become an expatriate. How could he when all around lie the sources of his inspiration?

Without doubt he will go down as the greatest exponent of the English topographical tradition in this century. Through his art he has given vitality and life to a form that seemed mummified in the format of its forbears or to be outmoded by photography. As it is his drawings and paintings of English churches and their interiors, landscape and coastline, great houses and their gardens have taught more than my generation not only to look at our past through other eyes but to appreciate and care for it. They are works of art about works of art. They are simultaneously elegies and polemics. The principles of the modernist movement have been assimilated and applied but never at the expense of the innate visual conservatism of the British.

In this respect his long joint editorship of the *Shell County Guides* with John Betjeman should not be forgotten. In many ways they now seem old-fashioned in approach but they do represent an attempt to look at the visual fabric of the country in a way different from the art historian's applausometer which



Piper: elegies and polemics

forms the least attractive aspect of Pevsner's mighty series. The Betjeman-Piper approach is romantic and historical, totally un-Germanic, in fact rather dilettante and literary. And, as in the case of the topographical work, this forms a peculiarly English way of looking at things.

I shall always remember my first glimpse of John and Myfanwy Piper in the early 1970s. It was a golden late summer evening. As we approached the flint farmhouse they sat together on a wooden bench at a table on which Myfanwy was shelling into an earthenware crock peas that John (a brilliant gardener) had grown. On the table stood glasses and a bottle of wine from the Sitwell castle of Montegufoni. Over their heads was a huge old bleached sunshade. It was a scene so simple, domestic and totally unaffected, speaking of security and serenity but with a respect for the innate nobility of common things typical of Stubbs. To me it summed up all that was most true in the art of John Piper.

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AGENDA FOR ATHENS

The sometimes superficially absurd manoeuvres of members of the House of Commons who are trying to make a point can often illuminate political reality in a way that nothing else does. So it was this week when nearly a third of the Conservative Party twisted itself into knots in an attempt to give the Prime Minister a little helpful guidance in advance of her journey tomorrow to the European Economic Community's summit at Athens.

The Community is running out of money enough to cover its expenditure, and requires an increase in the contributions it receives from member states which provide it with what are called its "own resources". Britain, which had started from a stance of extreme scepticism about whether such an increase in "own resources" was needed at all, modified its position at the Stuttgart summit in June. Mrs Thatcher is now prepared to "consider" an increase provided, but only provided, that the Community Budget arrangements, under which Britain's contribution is unfairly high, are reformed, and the Community's profligate spending on agriculture is brought under control.

There will be some hard bargaining in Athens and as a prelude to it, 121 Tory backbenchers, many of them newcomers to Parliament, were persuaded by that independent-minded backbencher Sir Hugh Fraser, and by other critics of the Common Market who are more wholly committed against it than he is, that it would strengthen Mrs Thatcher's hand if they signed a motion declaring that "own resources" should not be increased. Far from feeling helped, however, the Government was of the opinion that to go to Athens inhibited by such a motion was tantamount to being prevented from negotiating at all.

So the Whips went to work, as Whips do, and 66 of the errant backbenchers obediently withdrew their names from the original motion and signed another, which had the Government's approval. The gist of this was that there should be no increase in "own resources" except on the conditions the Government is making. The irony did not, however, end there since the majority of those who did not withdraw their names from the original motion still voted against the Labour amendment which was couched in the same terms. Only a small band of seven critical Tories stayed with their motion and voted against the Government.

Their small number is not, however, the measure of the significance of these bizarre events. Mrs Thatcher goes to Athens without formal strings but with a clear understanding that she could not get the assent of her party for an agreement at any price. What is more, she will be helped by the fact that the governments with which she is negotiating will have taken that point, too.

There has been a coming together of British political attitudes to the Community. Since the election, the leaders of the Labour Pary have virtually abandoned their commitment to withdrawal from the Community, and instead insist on reforming it. At the same time, the great majority (far wider than the 121) of Conservatives no longer feel that the defence of their Europeanism requires pliancy towards flaws in the Community. The "non-European Party" has come to accept Europe, albeit demanding reforms. The "European Party" now demands reforms very firmly without fearing that this might throw into question the British commitment to Europe. Only the Liberals manage to sound as though, for them, the Community right or wrong is a self-sufficient slogan.

The instructive debate in the House of Commons on Thursday, however, achieved something more than the expression of this new tendency toward political unity on Europe. It also served usefully to bring into the open the question whether (given the reforms on the budget and agriculture) the increase in EEC "own resources" is a genuine necessity. It is one thing to say that we will consider it on the given conditions as though the result of that consideration were an entirely open question; it is another to imply that such consideration (the conditions duly satisfied) will obviously lead to the conclusion that an increase will be necessary. Where, between these two formulations, does the reality lie?

That there has been a certain shift in the British position since Stuttgart is clear. From being clearly unconvinced that there was a case for increased "own resources" the British Government is prepared to consider it (on the given conditions) though Mrs Thatcher's formal position is that she remains to be convinced. The justification for this change of emphasis is threefold.

First, the enlargement of the Community to include Spain and Portugal, which is desirable in order to strengthen the foundations of democracy in Europe, will cost extra money. Both countries are well below the general Community level of prosperity; both will be net beneficiaries from the Community; both will increase the Community's total outgoings.

Secondly, if Britain secures the "safety-net" proposals which would fix each member's net contributions to its relative prosperity in the Community, we should in effect be paying less because we should get money back next year. Such repayment almost certainly cannot be without raising the element of "own resources" which is calculated as a notional (and harmonized) 1 per cent of the VAT tax base. Third, it is likely that new money will be needed to finance special programmes, for instance the programme for the research and development of information technology.

None of this implies that the increase in "own resources" need be substantial. Justifiable new expenditure (after allowing for saving on agriculture) could imply raising the VAT-element ceiling from 1 per cent to 1.2 or 1.4 per cent. What precisely might be necessary cannot be calculated until the arithmetic of saving from the other reforms has been done. But two further points can be made against those who would resist any increase. Given the conditions Mrs Thatcher is insisting on, a higher "ceiling" would not push Britain itself (contributing less) above the 1 per cent limit for some time, and it would, of course, be many years before the new "ceiling" was reached.

Whether a final settlement will be reached at Athens may be doubted, but certainly a decisive breakthrough by the heads of government there is not out of question. A new unity of attitudes appears to be developing and the change in the French approach is particularly heartening. Their position that they can only agree to financial guidelines for agricultural expenditure if similar cash-limits are applied to industrial and social spending is an approach which the British Government plainly does not find unsympathetic.

In other words, though the bargaining will be hard, there are signs of convergence. Mrs Thatcher has every reason to believe that if she stands firm on the conditions she has laid down, a solution acceptable to Britain can be obtained, for without Britain's agreement no solution is possible; and every member state wants a solution. Perhaps more than most leaders of Community nations, the Prime Minister has always seen the case for the EEC not principally in terms of economic advantage but politically. It provides a strong economic base for the west of Europe as a whole, which is its best defence against extremism. It provides a forum of shared interests in which the heads of the member governments have regular contact with each other to try to reach common positions on questions of wider international importance. When so much hangs on success, failure seems hardly thinkable.

THE PLACE OF PAROLE

The Home Secretary has now given to Parliament a fuller statement of his policy of curtailing the privilege of release on licence for prisoners convicted of certain types of murder and the privilege of parole in the case of prisoners given a determinate sentence of more than five years for crimes of violence or drug trafficking.

His decision, first announced at the Conservative party conference, came in response to public concern about the increase in violent crime and the sometimes glaring contrast between the length of sentence passed and the length of sentence served in prison. But he has been criticized in his method for misusing the parole system and even for upsurping the function of Parliament, in as much as he is effectively debarring some categories of prisoner from the individual consideration for early parole that the Act makes general.

Neither charge sticks. The element of discretion in the whole business of advising and granting parole is far too great for that kind of objection to find a footing. But there is no doubt that the Home Secretary has introduced a discrepant factor into the procedures for administering parole and release on licence; and that has caused unease at the Parole Board and one resignation.

As introduced in 1968 and as developed since, the process of consideration for parole is rooted in the individual. General criteria have been evolved and altered, sometimes at the instance of a Home Secretary in support of other objectives of his penal policy, but they have never been more than principles in the light of which each case is considered on its own merits.

In its very first report the Parole Board noted that in regard to certain especially heinous or dangerously prevalent crimes "it might be thought to be against the public interest to allow parole which, if granted, could be seen as tending to diminish the general deterrent effect of a particular sentence". That is precisely what the present Home Secretary thinks, in part (the other part being that parole in these cases tends to reduce the penalty below the requirement of retribution). To the mind of the parole board of 1968 however "the type of crime ought not to override all consideration of the offender as an individual .... No category of crime excludes a prisoner altogether from consideration for parole".

It is that doctrine and practice that Mr Brittan has set aside. It is not the individual as such that will in future be considered but the individual as a unit in a class defined by reference to certain broadly defined offences.

The distinction between grave offences and others has been written into the official guidance before – by Mr Roy Jenkins when Home Secretary in 1975. That was in the context of a policy to relieve the overcrowding prisons. Those serving sentences for grave offences would be paroled more sparingly than others. But that was because there was a greater likelihood of their constituting a danger to members of the public if released. That is not Mr Brittan's reason for changing the rules. His reason has to do with deterrence and the exaction of condign punishment.

Parole came in when there was more confidence than there is today in the reformatory effect of penal regimes. It came in under the heading "treatment of offenders", with its medical overtones suggestive of a moral or behavioural disorder capable of responding to an appropriate course of professional treatment. Absence of result and the gross impediments that go with the overcrowded state of the prisons have undermined that faith.

While the faith was strong it was easier to regard parole under supervision as a continuation of custodial treatment by other means, a further stage in the rehabilitation of the prisoner to take his place in society as a free man once again (which is what parole still is in theory); and there was correspondingly less need to be disturbed at the gap between length of sentence handed out by the judge and term served behind bars. With the fading of the treatment concept, and the more popular concepts of deterrence and retribution forcing their way back into official thinking, it is hardly surprising, though hardly satisfactory, that parole has come to be seen as a one-way system for revising the length of sentences downwards, which may be all right for some categories of offenders but is not in the case of others.

Pakistan invitation

From Mr Ahmad Bashir

Sir, Your advice (November 22) to the Commonwealth leaders assembled at Delhi to extend an invitation to the military government of Pakistan to rejoin the Commonwealth (which the elected government had previously quitted) is indeed deplorable.

It would have been more commendable had you urged them to use their influence to secure the release of political prisoners (such as Benazir Bhutto) from Pakistani jails, and to seek to mitigate the inhuman punishments meted out to the people.

If the generals are allowed to become associated with the Commonwealth then it would be embarrassing for other members of this organization should a future elected government opt out at a future date.

Yours faithfully,
AHMAD BASHIR,
42 Manor Avenue,
Hounslow,
Middlesex.
November 24.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern at airline safety record

From the General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union

Sir, For some time now our membership, in the form of cabin crews and indeed all airport workers, have viewed with some concern the fact that there had been a clear relaxation in safety measures as compared with a few years ago because apparently fierce competition is encouraging some airlines to cut corners on safety in an effort to reduce costs.

We have no doubt in our minds that the reason for the UK having such a good record of safety in the aviation industry is due to the fact that the state airline has always maintained very stringent precautions, thus carrying every other British concern along with it.

Surely, if there is going to be action taken within the next year or so to privatize the aviation industry we are going to see shareholders demanding cost-cutting exercises in all fields with the result that the Civil Aviation Authority may not even be able to control standards at their present level, which even now appear to be deteriorating.

We have seen drastic reductions in staff and we can only repeat our experience, when new management take over existing firms, that cost-cutting exercises, in the form of asset stripping, staff reductions and all other money-saving projects, are introduced.

This issue needs to be fully considered in the form of a public inquiry so that we can properly ascertain whether the public who are served by the industry, those who work in it and, indeed, those who live in the UK, are being properly protected and whether there is, in effect, a need for such an exercise to be carried out purely for political dogma at the expense of what we have written above.

If the Govenment is adamant that what it is doing is in the public interest, surely it would not object to a public inquiry before it proceeds on such a disastrous course.

Our union would be happy to provide evidence at any hearing to show why this exercise should not be followed through.

Yours faithfully,
MOSS EVANS, General Secretary,
Transport and General Workers' Union,
Transport House,
Smith Square,
Westminster, SW1.
November 24.

Oxford admissions

From Mr O. P. Taplin

Sir, In the correspondence about the new admissions system here in Oxford the impression might have been given by some letters that there could still be changes in it.

As Chairman of the Management Committee of the Oxford Colleges Admissions Office I should make it clear that this is not so. Colleges collectively took their final decision approving the new scheme on November 3. At the same meeting they also took the decision that these procedures will start in 1985 (for those seeking entry to be admitted to Oxford in October, 1986).

The press and school organizations were given an outline of the new scheme immediately the final decision was taken; and a document setting out the details of the procedures and their implications will be circulated to schools in March.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER TAPLIN, Chairman,
Management Committee,
Oxford Colleges Admissions Office,
University Offices,
Wellington Square, Oxford.

Disruption of concert

From Miss Deborah Bazalgette

Sir, I was present at the concert given yesterday evening by the USSR Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall. During the short break between the first and second movements of Prokofiev's Classical Symphony groups of demonstrators, strategically placed around the auditorium, shouted very loudly in defence of Soviet Jewry and had to be removed so that the concert could continue.

I do not support the Soviet regime. I do, however, carry in my mind a clear and enduring memory of the warm and generous welcome extended to me and my fellow members of the London Symphony Chorus when we spent a week in Moscow earlier this year to give three concerts with this orchestra.

The demonstrators would do well to consider other more timely and more effective ways (of which there are undoubtedly several) to further their indisputably just cause.

Yours faithfully,
DEBORAH BAZALGETTE,
117 Bow Lane, Finchley; N12.
December 1.

Fear of police powers

From the Secretary of the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales

Sir, The continuing representations that police powers of detention are to be increased by the proposals in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill need to be answered. In particular your correspondent, Mr. Blok (November 16), who describes the proposed Bill as horrendous and says that there will be a dramatic increase in the number of persons held for longer than a day and also in the numbers of those charged on the basis of admissions alone, is just not recognising the proposals and the safeguards in the interest of the citizen.

It is wrong to describe these changes as increased powers for at present on a serious charge it is often necessary to detain a person, when the expression "helping police with their enquiries" is used. This can be stretched to many days, not the proposed restriction of 36 hours, before appearing before the court.

Any senior detective knows that it is often impossible to gather and verify evidence necessary to charge a murderer in that time; particularly when further questions in respect of the offence cannot be put to the accused after he is charged.

Statements of admission can be withdrawn as easily as they are made and, I repeat, the time is required to obtain and verify the evidence of witnesses before interviewing the suspect, now to be done in one day and a half before the lawyer can make representations.

The area that people ought to be applying their minds to is the restrictions to be placed on police officers in respect of their powers to search football hooligans and others for offensive weapons. As I write news is coming in of the behaviour of so-called football fans in Luxembourg. In this country we have our problems too, but the more serious damage and injuries are contained by police officers searching and seizing weapons of all descriptions carried by these hooligans.

If the Bill is carried, in future a policeman will have to complete a series of questions and details as to the whys and wherefores of the search, a copy of which will be available for the person searched. Whilst these administrative details are being dealt with, all the other armed supporters speed by free to use their Stanley knives and other weapons on the unsuspecting innocent bystander.

Wake up and realise that the often inadequate protection afforded by your police service is going to be reduced still further if you insist upon protecting the few at the expense of the majority.

Yours fathfully
JOHN KEYTE, Secretary,
The Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales,
209/211 High Road,
Chiswick, W4.
November 17.

Politics and examination results

From Mr Giles Radice, MP for Durham North (Labour)

Sir, Your leading article, "No closed book at the DES" (December 1), was a thoroughly irresponsible and ill-founded attack on the competence and integrity of officials at the Department of Education and Science.

The scandal is not the department's handling of the Cox and Marks report, *Standards in English Schools* (which claims secondary modern and grammar schools together have better examination results than comprehensive schools) but the blatant political pressure applied in an attempt to override the DES's careful assessment of the report.

In your anxiety to defend Cox and Marks you misrepresent Sir Keith Joseph's recent statement on the NCES (National Council for Educational Standards) report. You find space to quote Sir Keith's welcome for their "pioneering work" but fail to mention the substantial criticisms of the NCES's methodology contained in three of the statement's five paragraphs.

Nor do you mention the letter to the NCES authors from the DES's statistician, Mr Wakefield, published with the Secretary of State's statement.

In this letter Mr Wakefield does not retract the department's criticisms of both the methodology and conclusions of the report. In particular, the department, like all other objective commentators, concludes that the NCES study has failed to take adequate account of the effects of social class. This helps explain why the Cox and Marks study reaches conclusions so much at variance with other studies, such as those by the National Children's Bureau and Edinburgh University.

It is sad to see *The Times* swallowing the Cox and Marks interpretation of events "hook, line, and sinker". A newspaper genuinely concerned with standards should do its homework before it pronounces on such important issues.

Yours, etc,
GILES RADICE (Chief Opposition spokesman on education),
House of Commons.
December 1.

From Mrs Freda M. Andrews

Sir, Your leader writer's concern at the quality of secondary school education betrays a fundamental error of reasoning.

The fact that too many young people leave school without formal qualifications adds nothing to the debate on comprehensive versus grammar/secondary modern, or whatever other system you care to mention.

It tells us a lot, however, about the inappropriateness of the school curriculum in all types of school and the inadequacies of the present examination system for measuring the achievement and abilities of the majority of the 16-year-old population.

Let us all stop bickering about comprehensives versus the rest, which can only be measured "objectively", as you say, by the inappropriate yardstick of O levels. Let us start thinking instead about what our young people really need from the secondary curriculum. If some people then wish to argue that a more relevant curriculum can only be followed effectively in a grammar or secondary modern school, they would have to convince us that it was an experiment worth trying.

Let us forget for once how many O levels a person has got and ask instead what that person can really do!

Yours faithfully,
FREDA M. ANDREWS,
43 Lawrence Road,
Ealing, W5.
December 1.

Calke Abbey

From Mr James Lees-Milne

Sir, Mr Nicholas Baker (November 25) is assuming that the National Trust is greedily demanding yet another grant from the National Heritage Memorial Fund to buy and endow a second-rate house and estate, namely Calke Abbey. As I look upon it, this is not the case at all.

The trust (in default of any other person or institution forthcoming) is merely asking the Treasury to take the Calke Abbey estate *in lieu* of death duties, in other words, to forgo what amounts to a windfall. Had the late owner given or devised Calke to the trust there would have been no question of the Treasury benefiting from the despoliation of this property in terms of cash.

But no, the Treasury is demanding its pound of flesh. It is prepared cynically to claim for the Exchequer what amounts to a drop towards its ocean of billions of pounds at the expense of an exceedingly beautiful country house, its original contents, park of medieval origin and income-producing farmlands in a part of the Midlands not rich in fine scenery.

In other words, the Treasury has got its values wrong. They are short-term instead of long-term, departmental rather than national, philistine and not ethical.

Calke is admittedly not as important in architectural terms as, say, Belton or Kedleston. Nonetheless, I dare to guess that this most endearingly English of squires' houses would prove to be just as popular historically and aesthetically as the great masterpieces.

In our National Gallery you will find larger crowds admiring a Stubbs landscape than a Rubens altarpiece. Who has the right to declare that their taste is at fault? The Treasury apparently. And so the Treasury is going to deprive the public of one more slice of England's heritage.

Oh well, there are terrorists and terrorists.

Yours,
JAMES LEES-MILNE,
19 Lansdown Crescent,
Bath, Avon.

Alliance unity

From Mr Winston Roddick

Sir, I am sorry that Mr Richard Holme (November 18) feels that in England the Social Democrats and the Liberals are growing apart. That is not our experience here in Wales.

On November 10 the Welsh Liberal Party agreed to allow the SDP to share its offices in Cardiff and we have agreed that we shall share administrative facilities. On November 19 we established the Alliance Committee for Wales and the SDP have invited me to become its first chairman.

The terms of reference of this committee are to make recommendations to our respective parties on policies, strategy, organization, press and promotion of the Alliance in Wales. We have already agreed on the distribution of seats for the European elections and we are confident that within a few weeks we shall agree on the distribution of seats for the next general election.

It is our hope that both parties in England will learn from our example.

Yours faithfully,
WINSTON RODDICK, Chairman,
Welsh Liberal Party,
4 Balmoral Close,
Lisvane, Cardiff,
South Glamorgan.
November 22.

Way of the Cross

From the Reverend Frank R. Clabburn

Sir, Your intelligent and provocative leader (November 21, The way of the Cross) has left me in a turmoil the writer may not have predicted; I agree so much that I am in danger of joining him (or her?) in our own particular schism. Where one or two are gathered together, there is a club.

As a Unitarian for many years, I am used to recognizing the centrality of individual faith, searching for one's own values. The purpose, as I understand it, of my sort of church gathering is not, as your writer accuses "all denominations", to "insist on its own doctrinal standpoint", but to offer an atmosphere of tolerance and mutual respect wherein all individuals do, as the writer earlier insists, search themselves in order "to reach the ultimate ethical decisions".

The writer is, in my view, brilliant in the argument used for individual faith but, because the seed of the argument was an enthronement of an Anglican archbishop, only makes passing reference to the fact that Christianity, in its multitudinous doctrinal, denominational forms, is nowadays a minority interest, only one environment of faith in which to seek out one's own "species".

In this respect Dr Habgood's confident (and very natural) reaffirmation of the Christian Church seems somewhat in contradiction of the recently reviewed British Council of Churches report, "Can we pray together?", in which representatives of 27 denominations (Christian) are asked to spur British Christians into sharing worship with people of other faiths.

The underlying realization of this report is that not only is religion a search for personal truths, but that many forms, such as Buddhism, offered from long before the birth of Jesus techniques and attitudes, not dogmas and unquestionable, corporate statements of so-called "fact".

The schisms within Christendom are perhaps, as your writer says, expressions of a self-righteous certainty which gets its "comeuppance" in the growing indifference of a public sick and tired of hypocrisy.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK R. CLABBURN,
7 South Hill,
Godalming, Surrey.

Keeping telecom wires uncrossed

From Mr John Bray

Sir, There is an aspect of the current debate on the privatisation of British Telecom that has hardly been mentioned but which could be of vital importance to present and future users. It is the likelihood that unrestricted privatisation would seriously impair the integrity of the national telecommunication network – that is, the quality and reliability of the service provided.

A multiplicity of overlapping networks provided by a variety of entrepreneurs could well lead to a fragmented and uneconomic network, with divided and therefore less accountable reponsibility for quality of service and higher costs to the user.

Modern telecommunications has moved far beyond the telephone: it is the universal provider of a wide range of services. It has resulted, on the world scale, in the most complex, extensive and influential artifact yet created by mankind.

Unrestricted privatisation could lead to a variety of non-optimum and possibly conflicting technical and operational standards within the United Kingdom and a deterioration in the quality of service. Failure to achieve clearly recognized and agreed standards within the national network could also lead to a weakening of the voice of the UK in determining international standards and consequently in our ability to secure overseas markets for telecommunications equipment.

Furthermore, it makes neither engineering nor economic sense to set up overlapping networks in the same geographical area, any more than it would be to establish several independent railway systems between, say, London and Birmingham. Nor does the customer wish to have several different cables entering his premises, or separate bills to pay for various telecommunication services.

It is to be hoped that the Telecommunications Bill now under discussion will fully recognize the need for a national telecommunications authority, i.e., British Telecom, with clearly defined and effective responsibility for the integrity of the national telecommunication network, including its technical and operational standards and quality of service.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. BRAY,
(Former Director of Research, Post Office),
The Pump House,
Bredfield,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.
November 23.

What Keynes meant

From Professor Z. A. Silberston

Sir, Keynes may have been witty (letter, November 23), but he was not primarily concerned with being witty when he wrote, "In the long run we are all dead." Nor – *pace* Sir William Rees-Mogg – was he saying that we can be as irresponsible as we like in the short run, since in the long run everything will be forgotten. Just the reverse, in fact.

Keynes used the phrase in *A Tract on Monetary Reform* (p 65, Royal Economic Society edition, Macmillan) when discussing the quantity theory of money.

The theory might predict well in the long run, he said, but – "this *long run* is a misleading guide to current affairs. *In the long run* we are all dead. Economists set themselves too easy, too useless a task if in tempestuous seasons they can only tell us that when the storm is long past the ocean is flat again."

What he was saying was that short-term problems cannot be ignored, even though they may sort themselves out in the long run. It was a serious and important observation, applicable to a wide range of economic and social problems. It was also compassionate, as one would expect of that great man.

Yours sincerely,
Z. A. SILBERSTON,
Secretary-General,
The Royal Economic Society,
Imperial College of Science and Technology, SW7.
November 24.

Security check

From Commander G. Cobb, RN (retd)

Sir, The recent theft of 6,800 bars of gold from a security warehouse reminds me of an occasion in 1940 when, in charge of a file of Royal Marines, I had to meet a bullion train, in the middle of the morning rush hour, at St Enoch station in Glasgow to receive 720 cases of gold bullion for transport across the Atlantic, destined for Fort Knox.

From the rear of several tatty old goods waggons stepped an immaculately dressed official from the Bank of England. "For heaven's sake get these soldiers away," he said petulantly.

"We ain't soldiers", replied the Sergeant indignantly, "we're Royal Marines."

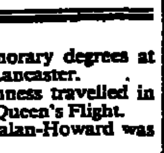
One or two passers-by were amused by this exchange, wondering what was afoot. Meanwhile I asked the "Anthony Eden" black-hatted official if he required a receipt for so precious a cargo.

"Write on the back of that envelope", he replied, "720 cases received; that will do for Montague Norman." The envelope contained the Top Secret signal with regard to the transaction.

Times have changed, alas.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD COBB,
Stoke Cottage,
Meonstoke,
Southampton,
Hampshire.
November 28.





COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

JCKINGHAM PALACE
cember 2: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today attended Receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

ENSINGTON PALACE
ecember 2: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles) today at Kensington Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel P. A. ... upon his relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion.

The Princess of Wales this morning opened the Wantage Adult Training Centre, Wantage, Oxfordshire.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 2: The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor, today presided at the Ceremony for the Conferment of Higher Degrees at the University of Surrey.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 2: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at a congregation for the conferment of higher and honorary degrees at the University of Lancaster.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Lord Ennals has arrived in Karachi and is staying as the guest of Mr Ahmed E. H. Jaffer at Jaffer House, Sir E. H. Jaffer Road.

A memorial service for Charles K. Phillips will be held today at 3 at Great St Mary's, Cambridge.

Birthdays

TODAY: Vice-Admiral Sir Conolly Abel Smith, 84; Mr Leslie Ames, 78; Mr Walter Anderson, 73; Mr Trevor Bailey, 60; Mr Charles Craig, 63; Mr Mike Gibson, 41; Sir William Harpham, 77; Professor G. S. Kirk, 62; Sir Neil Marten, 67; Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch, 69; Air Marshall Sir Douglas Morris, 75; the Rev Professor C. F. D. Moule, 75; Mr Victor Pasmore, CH, 75; Professor Sir Thomas Smith, QC, 68.

TOMORROW: The Marchioness of Anglesey, 59; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, 60; Mr Ronnie Corbett, 53; Sir Patrick Donner, 79; Miss Gemma Jones, 41; Mrs Pamela W. Matthews, 69; Miss Yvonne Minton, 45; Dr A. L. Rowse, 80; Mr J.C. Trewin, 75; the Rev Professor C. J. M. Weir, 86.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Alexander Muir-Mackenzie, Bt, and Miss C. Hayter

The engagement is announced between Alexander Alwyne Brinton, son of the late Sir Robert Muir-Mackenzie, Bt, and the late Lady Muir-Mackenzie, and stepson of Lady Muir-Mackenzie, of Pont Street, London, and Susan Carolyn, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. H. Hayter, of Kinghams, Highclere, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr R. M. Tippet and Miss E. A. Barnett

The engagement is announced between Richard Morton Tippett, of Adelaide, Australia, and Elizabeth Evène Aird Barnett, daughter of the Viscountess Leathers and the late Mr A. A. C. Barnett, of Park House, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr C. C. Blackhurst and Miss L. D. W. Grice

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs D. Blackhurst, of Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, and Lynette, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Grice, of Petersham, Surrey.

Mr R. A. L. Boden and Miss H. L. Parfect

The engagement is announced between Richard, second son of Mr and Mrs E. L. Boden, of Wistaria Cottage, Marston Magna, Somerset, and Louise, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs J. H. G. Parfect, of Colville Hall, Coxwold, York, North Yorkshire.

Mr J. A. F. Cowderoy and Miss I. G. L. Harrison

The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs Norman Cowderoy, of Rock Lodge, Scaynes Hill, Sussex, and Iona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Iain Harrison, of Craighat, Killearn, Stirlingshire.

Mr N. R. Ferguson and Miss H. R. Sams

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Ferguson, of Littleover, Derby, and Hilary, younger daughter of the late Mr R. D. Sams and of Mrs K. A. Sams, of Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Mr R. C. K. Hocking and Miss M. L. Acheson-Gray

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs K. F. Hocking, of Killiganoon, Truro, Cornwall, and Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Acheson-Gray, of Cobham, Surrey.

Dr R. W. Griffiths and Dr F. S. Coles

The engagement is announced between Richard William, son of the late Mr R. B. Griffiths and Mrs Leola Mae Griffiths, of Ottawa, Illinois, and Frances Scott, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. E. Coles, of Didsbury, Manchester, formerly of Dumfries.

Mr P. M. Harris and Miss E. R. Jamieson

The engagement is announced between Peter Mark, second son of Mr Stanley Harris, of Ham, Surrey, and Mrs Mary Jakeman, of Croydon, Surrey, and Edwina Rae, daughter of Mr H. C. (Jamie) Jamieson, OBE, and Mrs Jamieson, of Jayview, Shortheath Road, Farnham, Surrey.

Mr T. D. Owen and Miss V. M. Chamberlain

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of the late Mr D. J. Owen, and Mrs O. Owen, of London, W3, and Veronica, daughter of the late Major J. R. H. Chamberlain, and Mrs H. L. Chamberlain, of Great Yeldham, Essex.

Mr T. A. Stephens and Miss A. C. Belsham

The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. P. Stephens, of Pigg's Peak, Swaziland, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Belsham, of Mhlambanyati, Swaziland, and of Bury St Edmunds.

Mr N. S. Thomas and Miss G. L. Williams

The engagement is announced between Neil, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Thomas, of Dolgellau, and Gwen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hefin Williams, of Bala, Gwynedd.

Marriages

Mr J. S. B. Eynon and Miss T. Colley

The marriage took place on November 30 at Anchorage, Alaska, between Mr J. S. B. (Freddie) Eynon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Eynon, of Bartons Hood, Lunnon Hill, Parkmill, Swansea, West Glamorgan, and Miss Twila Colley, daughter of the late Raymond Colley and Mrs Elizabeth Colley, of Washington State, United States.

Mr J. J. Darby and Miss F. J. M. Duke

The marriage took place in Hongkong on Friday, December 2, 1983, between Mr Jeremy Darby and Miss Fyz Duke.

Latest wills

Blaxell, Mr Harry Gilbert, of Hickling, Norfolk £332,946
Glover, Mr Francis Clifford, of Brighton £361,767
Grey, Phyllis Elizabeth, of Brixham, intestate £387,588
Nash, Clare, of Lytham £371,524
Lyall, Mrs Gwendolen Selina, of Liss £698,335
Wharton, Mr Philip Stanley, of Maidenhead, company director £530,228
Smith, Mrs Winifred Grace, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire....£210,404
Thorpe, Mr Thomas Adrian Wells, of central London £414,082

Ancient and modern: Looks of anger, joy, pain, wonder and fear in five contemporary faces witnessing an ancient event. Eric Scott, aged 38, a self-taught artist from Sunderland, now living in Cornwall (seen with his painting), used his father, brother, girlfriend and two close friends to set the Crucifixion in a modern context. His 8ft by 6ft canvas goes on show from Monday until January 14 at the Nicholas Treadwell Gallery, Chiltern Street, London, with 24 other modern religious paintings, in response to a marked revival of interest

Science and religion

Paradoxes of physics and theology

What is light? What is matter? These are questions fundamental to a scientific understanding of the world. Or are they?

Certainly they are questions long known to have no simple answers. Indeed, a recently completed experiment goes so far as to indicate that they might have no answers at all.

If this interpretation is right, science is not what we thought it was; some might argue it has begun to look a little like theology.

Our story begins in the early part of this century. Light was discovered to have a dual nature. Some experiments pointed to it being a wave; others to it being made of particles. But that is odd: How *can something be both a spread-out wave* – like a succession of ripples on a pond – and at the same time a small solid particle – like a tiny billiard ball? The two descriptions appeared contradictory.

No way out of this dilemma could be found until Niels Bohr, the Danish physicist, came up with a remarkable suggestion. He claimed that science tells us nothing about the world as it is in itself – it does not answer questions of the form: "What *is* . . . ?" Instead, it tells us of the way we *interact* with the world.

Thus, concepts like "wave" and "particle" apply not to objects themselves (light or matter), but to how we interact with them. There are wave-like interactions and particle-like interactions, and that is all. It being physically impossible to perform both types of experiment at the same time, there is never a need to invoke both concepts simultaneously. So provided we stick to interactions, there is no paradox.

Bohr went on to assert that this ability to speak meaningfully only of our interactions was no temporary restriction. This was the frontier of the *knowable* – a barrier that would *never be breached.*

This claim did not go unchallenged. Leading the counter-attack was Einsten. As the arguments flowed back and forth, more and more physicists came to side with Bohr, despite the fact that no one relished being in the opposite camp to Einstein!

But enough of the paradoxes of modern physics. What has this to do with theology?

Paradox has been a feature of Christian theology from earliest times. In trying to answer the question "Who, or what, is God?" the Church Fathers came to the conclusion that they had to regard him as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, he was one God, not three. Moreover each of the Persons of this Trinity was not to be thought of as merely a part, or aspect, of God; each was fully God. Difficult though it was to see how the apparent contradiction was to be reconciled, they considered any simpler description of God would not do justice to the evidence.

When later they came to consider "Who is Jesus?" they concluded he was both fully God and fully man – another paradox. Thus in Christian theology one deals with paradoxes every bit as puzzling as those that have now surfaced in physics.

It was in rsponse to these paradoxes that Gregory Palamas, the fourteenth-century Archbishop of Thessalonica, decided that God was absolutely unknowable in his "essence", that is to say, as he was *in himself. Instead, he was to be* regarded as knowable only through his "energies" – the ways he revealed himself through the three Persons – the ways he interacted with us. This view became official doctrine for the Eastern Church in 1351.

Much the same theme was later taken up by, among others, the Danish theologian Sören Kierkegaard. Pondering the same Christian doctrines he concluded there to be two kinds of truth: objective and subjective truth. When the truth appeared from an objective point of view to be paradoxical, it was an indication, he said, that one should be seeking a more subjective truth, one involving one's own participation.

According to this particular stand of theological thought, one finds it necessary, as in modern physics, to take a step back from the objects of one's enquiry – whether they be God and Jesus, or light and matter – and be content to speak only of one's interactions with those objects.

As a postscipt, it is necessary to note that Bohr was an avid reader of Kierkegaard. Could it be that twentieth century physics owes a modest debt to a nineteenth century theologian's contemplation of a fourth century Christian creed?

Russell Stannard
Professor of Physics, Open University

Luncheons

HM Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday, in honour of Mr R. F. Botha, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Information of South Africa.

Lord and Lady Strabolgi, Mr Roy Mason, MP, and Mrs Mason, Mr Lionel Murray, Mr James Molyneaux, MP, Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, and Lady Biggs-Davison, Sir Terence and Lady Beckett, Sir Ewart and Lady Bell, Sir Richard and Lady Cave, Sir Philip and Lady Foreman, Sir Robin and Lady Kinahan, Sir Christopher and Lady Laidlaw, Sir Desmond and Lady Lorimer, Sir Kenneth and Lady Newman, Sir Austin and Lady Pearce, Sir William and Lady Rees-Mogg, Sir Philip and Lady Woodfield, the Rev Ian Paisley, MP, and Mrs Paisley, Mr and Mrs J Hawthorne, Mr and Mrs Stratton Mills and Mr K Jamison.

Missenden Abbey

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey, was the principal guest at the 850th anniversary commemorative luncheon held at Missenden Abbey yesterday. The Warden of Missenden Abbey, the Rev P. F. Hebden, presided. Other guests included the Bishop of Buckingham, Fr F. van Lieshout, the Rev C. Dunford, the Rev D. Rydings and the Rev J. Rackley.

Institution of Highways and Transportation

The annual luncheon of the Institution of Highways and Transportation formerly the Institution of Highway Engineers was held at Grosvenor House yesterday. Mr M. F. Hardy, president, was in the chair and the other speakers were the Hon Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, and Mr J. A. Shedden.

Service dinners

1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery

Officers of 1st Regiment (The Chestnut Troop, B, E and HQ Batteries) Royal Horse Artillery held their annual reunion dinner at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich last night. The Director Royal Artillery, Major-General M. J. Tomlinson, was the principal guest. Other guests included Major-General W. D. Mangham, Colonel Commandant, the Lord Mayor of *Nottingham and the Lord Mayor of* Sheffield. Lieutenant-Colonel M. A. Willcocks presided.

East Lowlands Universities, Air Squadron

Mr David Steel, Rector of Edinburgh University, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Williamson, Chief of the Air Staff, were the guests of honour at the East Lowlands Universities Air Squadron annual dinner held at Edinburgh University last night. The Squadron Commander, Squadron Leader K. B. Patrick, presided. Other guests included:

Lord Balerno, Lord Ross, the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University, the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Stirling University, the Convener of the Joint Military Education Committee, the Convener of the Tayforth Military Education Committee, Professor A Bolton, Professor T D Patten, Professor A E Thompson, Mr I H Marker, Air Vice-Marshal J F H Tetley, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, Air Commodore M R Williams, RAF College Cranwell, Group Captain A G Hicks, Group Captain D J Hine and Group Captain A M Wills

Reception

Gallaher – Northern Ireland

MR Dennis Faulkner, Chairman of the Northern Ireland Board of Gallaher Limited, and his fellow directors, gave a reception on Thursday evening at St John's, Smith Square, after a concert by the Ulster Orchestra. Among the guests were:

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Mrs Prior, the Earl and Countess of Drogheda, Lord and Lady Fitt.

Dinner

Old Merchant Taylors' Society

Mr F. F. Spragg, President of the Old Merchant Taylors' Society, presided at the annual dinner held at Merchant Taylors' Hall last night. Among the guests were the Master of Merchant Taylors' Company, the Headmaster of Merchant Taylors' School and the President-elect of the Old Crosbeians.

Ball

Wales Reserve Officers

Colonel B. T. John presided at a ball given by the Wales Reserve Officers at the City Hall, Cardiff, last night. The guests included:

The Lord Lieutenant for the Counties of Glamorgan, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Rear-Admiral P G Sharp, President of the Reserve Forces Association, Major-General L A H Napier, Colonel of The Royal Regiment of Wales, and Colonel R T M Williams, Chairman of Wales TA & VRA.

Services tomorrow: Second Sunday in Advent

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8, M, 10.30, Benedicite, Jackson in G, Teach me, O Lord (Attwood), The Right Rev E G Knapp-Fisher; HC 11.40; E3, Walmisley in D, Lord, let me know mine end, Greene, Rev N E McCurry. Organ recital, 5 55; ES, 6.30, Rev D M Oldaker
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8, M 10.30, Benedicite Jackson in G, Jub. Stanford in C, Rev M Beck, HC, 11 30, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart) Inl, Rorate Coeli desuper (Byrd): E 3 15, Mag and Nunc Dimittis (Howells), the Gloucester Service: A O thou the Central orb (Wood) Canon Routledge
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL, HC 9: Cathedral Eucharist, 11, Missa Brevis (Lennox Berkeley), A Up awake from every steeple (Praetorius), High word of God (plainsong), the Provost; Cathedral Evensong, 3, Goss in E, A, The Wilderness (Wesley), Rev R Bain
THE CHAPEL ROYAL at St James's, HC, 8 30, Sung Eucharist, 11.15, Missa Brevis (Walton), Canon G A Elcoat
THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed) Sung Eucharist, 11 15, short service (Byrd), Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Rev D Russell
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: Sung Eucharist, 11, the Chaplain
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL, HC 8 30
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Gateway), MP and S, 11 30, Benedicite (Lloyd), Jub, A Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Bach), Rev F V A Boyse, organ voluntary
HM TOWER OF LONDON (public welcomed) HC, 9 15, M 11, Benedicite, (Dodgson), A, This is the record of John (Gibbons), the Chaplain
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed) HC, 8 30, Choral Eucharist, 11, Byrd Mass for four voices, Thy word is a lantern (Purcell), the Chaplain
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace, HC, 8 30; Sung Eucharist, 11, Jackson in G, Jesu dulcis memoria (Victoria), Mr C Rayner; E 3, Teach me O Lord (Attwood), Howells in G, Thy word is a lantern (Purcell)

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11, Rev P Delaney
ALL SOULS, Langham Place: HC 9 30; 11, Rev M Lawson, HC 6 30, Rev J Stott
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 8 15, HM, 11
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH HC, 8; Children's service, 10, 11, parish Communion, Rev J H L Cross, 6, Rev C E L Thompson
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8 15, Sung Eucharist 11, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), O Spotless Rose (Howells), Rev Dr A W Marks
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: HC, 8; HC (sung), 11, Rev L Bowring, LS, 6 30, C. Colchester, Rev L Bowring
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: HC, 8 30, Choral Eucharist, 11, Rev Dr M Israel
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, HC, 8.30, HC, 10 30, Canon Roberts, HC, 12 10.
ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123) HC, 9, Choral Eucharist, 11, Mass in four parts (Byrd), A, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), the Rector; E, with baptism, 6 30, Byrd (short service), A, This is the record of John (Gibbons), Canon D Burgess
ST BRIDES, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30 Choral Matins and Eucharist, 11, Missa Quarta (Palestrina), Benedicite, Sumsion Festival Service in D, the Rector; Shortened E 6 30, plainsong for men's voices, followed by Ceremony of Carols for treble voices and harp (Britten)
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, HC, 8.30, Sung Eucharist, 11, Mass Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), A, My soul there is a country (Parry), Rev G Walkins
ST JAMES'S Garlick Hill (City): HC (sung), 10 30, Prebendary D C Mossman.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly HC, 8 30, Sung Eucharist, 11, EP 6
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, Sung Eucharist, 11, Right Rev E G Knapp Fisher, Advent Carol Service 6
ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS, Family Communion 9 45, Rev C Hedley, MS, 11 30, Right Rev G Baker, HC, 12 30, Choral E, 4 30, ES, 6 30, Rev F Stevens, HC, 7 30
ST MARY ABBOTS Kensington HC, 8 and 12 30, Sung Eucharist 9 30, Rev M J Thompson, M, 11 15, Rev P M Arnold E, 6 30 the Vicar
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street LM 8, 9 45, 7; HM, 11, Missa Quand je pens (Lassus), Rorate coeli (Byrd), Jerusalem surge (Isaac) Fr SL Draper, E and Solemn Benediction, 6 15
ST MARYLEBONE, Parish Church HC 8 and 11, Missa a quatuor vocibus (Byrd), Civitas sancti Tui (Byrd) Rev C K Hamel Cooke, 6.30 Ministry of healing, laying on of hands, Rev C K Hamel Cooke
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, HC, 8 15, family service 11, Rev M Slomka, HC, 6.30, Rev J Munford
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9
ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street, HC, 11, Dr K Nunn, 6 30, Rev G Cassidy
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP 11, Deaconess Woolcombe; EP, 6.30, Rev O R Clarke
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, LM, 8, 9; HM, 11 Missa Seraphica (Burgess), Rev R Browne, E and Bendiction, 6, Rev Dr P Butler
ST VEDAST Foster Lane SM, 11 Missa Brevis (Willis), A, Song of Peace (Stanford), Rev G Reddington

ST COLUMBAS (Church of Scotland), Pont Street (Baptisms) 11, Very Rev R L Small: 6 30, Rev I A M Wright
CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: HC, 11, 12, 6 30
THE ORATORY, SW7 LM, 7, 8, 9, 10; HM 11, Missa Quarti Toni (Victoria), Benedixisti Domine (Gabrieli); LM, 12.30, 4 30, 7, Vespers 3 30, Ecce concipies (Handl)
ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway SM 11, Missa in G (Benabel), Dicite pusillanimes (Fox)
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place (Holborn Circus) SM, 11
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street (Regent Street), LM, 8, 10; 11 (sung) Messa a 4 voci 1651 (Monteverdi), This is the record of John (Gibbons), Ecce concipies (Handl), LM noon, 4, 6
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood, SM (Latin), 10 45
THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street, 7 30, 8 30, 10, 11, (sung Latin Mass), Missa Primi Toni (Lotti), Ne Timeas Maria (Vittoria), organ recital, 12.15, 4.15, 6 15
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (United Reformed), Tavistock Place, 11, Rev W Workman; 6 30, Dr F Kener
ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian-Congregationalist) Lord's Roundabout, 9 30 am, Rev J Miller
CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 Rev Amos S Creswell 6.30 Rev Dr R J Tudor
WEST LONDON MISSION, Hinde Street, Methodist Church 11, Rev J Newton 6 30, Rev S Jordan
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct LC 11, 6 30 Rev R Dorey
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate 11 and 6 30, Rev Dr R T Kendall
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, 11, Rev Dr K G Greet

Science report

Teeth yield clues to ancient man

By Bill Johnstone

The microscopic study of teeth found on archaeological sites is yielding information about the diet and stresses of ancient communities.

Dr Simon Hillson, an archaeological scientist leading a team at Lancaster University, said it is possible to tell, for example, how children were looked after and whether they lived healthy lives.

"The gradual process of growth may be disrupted as a result of dietary deficiencies or fever. Disturbances of this kind show as defects in the enamel. The exact ages at which these occurred can be determined from the layer sequence."

The value of such archaeological finds was proved to Dr Hillson in his own research about four years ago into ancient communities living in the Nile Valley. From a study of the defects on the enamel of teeth he was able to identify the period when its growth was subject to maximum disruption.

The incidence of disease detectable in the teeth can be crucial in determining the history of a community. The weight of bone and tooth fragments may exceed that of any other finds from a site. Best preserved are the hard tissues of teeth enamel, dentine and cement, which provide the vital clues to the life of those early societies.

The behaviour of the tooth during its growth – usually from birth to 16 – is detectable using the Lancaster techniques. For example, the *enamel, which covers the* crowns of the teeth, grows in layers. Their structure and any deficiencies in the pattern can be detected by microscopic investigation of a small sample or by a cast of the crown.

The Lancaster researchers are using two principal techniques. The first requires them to polish a minute slice of the brittle ancient tooth to a thickness of one hundred thousandth of a millimetre. Because of the tooth's condition, the slice requires to be supported by modern materials. The resultant slice is then microscopically examined.

The other technique requires the making of a cast of the tooth, enabling scientists to examine the layers of its structure. The techniques are able to determine with extreme accuracy the timing of certain events during the tooth growth period.

If an individual died in the growth period his age can be *determined to within days, the* scientists believe.

The methods being developed at Lancaster to examine teeth from archaelogical sites may find uses in medicine and zoology, according to Dr Hillson.

The research at Lancaster has been funded by a grant from the Science and Engineering Research Council.

OBITUARY

SIR ROWLAND BAKER

Design of naval craft

Sir Rowland Baker, OBE, who died on November 25 aged 75 was one of the outstanding Naval Constructors of recent times.

He was born at Sheerness on June 3 1908 and brought up on a working Thames barge. After an apprenticeship at Sheerness Dockyard he won a *Cadetship* to the RN College, Greenwich in 1927, graduating as an Assistant Constructor.

After a first appointment to Portsmouth Dockyard, he joined the Naval Construction Department Whitehall in 1934 where he designed the first all-welded ship for the RN, the *minesweeper Seagull. After a* short appointment at Sheerness he returned to London in 1940 as Superintendent of Landing Craft under Lord Mountbatten. Many thousands of these craft were built in the UK to a series of revolutionary designs by Baker.

When the USA entered the war he was sent to Washington with studies for craft to be built in America. During a few months with BuShips he helped to design many of the major craft for the US Navy for which he was awarded the US Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm. He was appointed OBE for his work in developing the Allied Invasion Fleet.

In 1948 Baker was lent to the Canadian Navy with the rank of Constructor Commodore and designed the icebreaker Labrador. He also created the St Laurent class frigates, one of the most handsome of post-war designs and still among the best seaboats of their size.

Soon after he returned to the UK in 1957 Baker was appointed to take charge of the nuclear submarine programme as Technical Chief Executive of the Dreadnought Project Team (DPT). His drive and powerful leadership, together with his increasing use of advanced management methods ensured that Dreadnought completed on time and on cost. In 1962 Baker was appointed Director Polaris Technical, keeping the famous initials DPT and was equally successful with this programme.

He was knighted in 1968 and retired soon afterwards.

Baker was an active member of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects to which he read several important papers. Baker was an inspiring leader with an earthy manner. His staff feared his wrath, respected his professional skills and adored him for his humanity.

DAME IDA MANN

Dame Ida Mann, OBE, who died in Perth, in Australia, on November 19 at the age of 90, was a distinguished pioneer in ophthalmic embryology. She was the only woman ever to be elected as Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Moorfields eye hospital in London, and the only Professor of Ophthalmology at Oxford University.

Her early books, on the development and the developmental anomalies of the human eye, lavishly enriched by her own elegant drawings, remain the standard textbooks today; and these were followed by a *formidable succession* of scientific papers, which continued until the end of her life.

Ida Mann was born in London in 1893, and educated at the University of London. She held a number of positions as an ophthalmic surgeon and research worker, and in 1927 she joined the "honorary" staff at Moorfields eye hospital. During the Second World War she served as head of a research team for the Ministry of Supply.

In 1941 she was appointed Margaret Ogilvie Reader at Oxford, and this was followed by her appointment as Professor of Ophthalmology in 1945, a position she held until *1947. In 1947 she was made an* honorary Fellow by St Hugh's College.

In 1944 Ida Mann had married Professor W. E. Gye, FRS, director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund; and it was on his retirement that she relinquished her Oxford chair and London appointments, and accompanied him to Perth, in Western Australia. A gloomy view of the emergent National Health Service and of the restrictive attitudes of those postwar years gave wings to her departure.

Although she remained in this relative isolation until her death, her research and her writings continued unabated. Her interests extended to include the epidemiology of Western Australia – she became a consultant ophthalmologist to the government of Western Australia – and the influence of climate and geography on disorders of the eye. The International Society of Geographical Ophthalmology was largely the child of her refreshing blend of diligence and curiosity.

Ida Mann received many honours. She was made CBE in 1950 and in 1980 she was appointed DBE for services to aboriginal welfare. Professor Gye died in 1952.

SEMYON IGNATIEV

Mr Semyon Ignatiev, who has died at the age of 79, was Stalin's last Minister of State Security from 1951 onwards. As such he was principally responsible for the investigation of the so-called "Doctors' Plot", in which a group of leading Kremlin doctors was accused of having murdered Zhdanov in 1948 and of seeking to undermine the health of other Soviet leaders. Most of them were Jewish and the fabricated case had strong anti-Semitic overtones.

Khrushchev, who was on good terms with Ignatiev, was later to cause a sensation at the 20th party congress of 1956 when he told those assembled that among the delegates was Comrade Ignatiev who had been told by Stalin, "If you do not obtain confessions from the doctors, we will shorten you by a head".

Two of the doctors in fact died under interrogation, though the others were released soon after Stalin's death when, as Khrushchev later confirmed, it was accepted that the case had been "fabricated from beginning to end".

Ignatiev is portrayed by Khrushchev in his memoirs as a man more sinned-against than sinning – a victim of Stalin's increasing paranoia. He had, according to Khrushchev, had a near-fatal heart attack, but was being berated viciously by Stalin, whose orders he could have disobeyed only at the price of his own life.

On Stalin's death in March 1953, Ignatiev briefly became a Secretary of the Central Committee, but was relieved of that post when Beria (who was himself to be shot later that year) blamed him for the frame-up of the doctors.

Thereafter, as a Regional Party Secretary, he was a vigorous supporter of Khrushchov, eventually retiring in 1960.

LOTTE EISNER

Lotte Eisner, who died in Paris on November 26 aged 87, was one of the best-known European film critics.

She was born on March 6, 1896. This was three days before the Lumière Cinematographe made its first public appearance in London; so that her life was exactly contemporary with the cinema itself. Her *father was head of the old-established* family export firm in Berlin and a magistrate. At the University of Greisswald she studied archaeology; *her* dissertation was on Greek painted vases.

She had already begun to contribute articles on art and theatre to the Berlin press when *in 1927 she met Dr Hans Feld* at a party. Feld, who was working on *Film Kurier*, the only European daily newspaper devoted to cinema, suggested that she join the staff; and so she became Germany's first woman film critic.

Feld and Lotte Eisner proved perfect allies in their crusade for better German films. She began to form friendships with film people like Fritz Lang and Asta Neilsen, as well as the young Bert Brecht, of whom she was an early champion.

In 1932 *Film Kurier* was "Aryanized" and in the early spring of 1933 both Feld and Lotte emigrated. Feld came to London; Lotte Eisner went to *Paris where she soon met the* young Henri Langlois, who was in the first stages of creating the Cinémathèque Française. Lotte was to remain an indispensable collaborator. The Occupation, however, forced her into hiding. With false papers and the false name of Mme Escoffier, her adventures, often under the noses of the Gestapo, included a period as kitchen help at Figeac.

After the war she returned to the Cinémathèque, and embarked on collecting the costumes, set designs, scripts and other film memorabilia that were to to provide the stuff of Langlois' brilliant, impressionist exhibitions and the eventual museum at the Palais Chaillot. Her proudest moments included bringing home from Rome the cart which Giulietta *Masina pulled in La Strada.*

At this time too she embarked on her series of classic books on German cinema. *L'Ecran Démoniaque* (translated as *The Haunted Screen*), which appeared in 1952, analyzed German Expressionism with the insights of a great art historian. Her monographs on F. W. *Murnau and Fritz Lang* were tributes of enormous personal affection; in Murnau's case, Lotte Eisner effected the virtual rehabilitation of a forgotten master of the cinema.

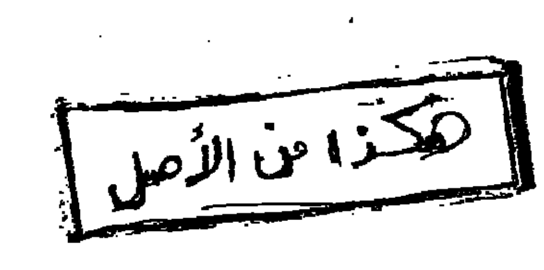
By this time she counted practically all the major film makers of the world among her friends. Passionately devoted to *them, she made their enemies* hers too, and in later years, when it was no longer so easy for her to get around Paris, her exquisite little apartment in Neuilly became a regular *salon*. The younger German film makers were especially loyal to her.

In March this year she was created a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

Corrections

Sir Anton Dolin died on November 25, not November 26 as stated in the obituary, printed on December 1.

In the obituary published yesterday, Sir Hedley Atkins *should have been described as* Hunterian orator at the Royal College of Surgeons in 1971.



FAMILY MONEY

Tax avoidance schemes

BES funds doors closing fast

Only six of the 21 Business Expansion Scheme funds launched since June of this year are still open to investors.

And with the pressing requirement to invest the money before the end of the current tax year in order to qualify for tax relief, this is probably the investor's last chance to take advantage of one of the best tax avoidance schemes available.

Individuals subscribing between £2,000 and £40,000 to any of the funds will be investors in a surprise assortment of unquoted companies. The stake money is allowable against your highest marginal tax rates, including the investment income surcharge.

This means, at best, for a 75 per cent taxpayer tax relief can give an effective discount of 75 per cent. This generous incentive to promote smaller businesses is the Government's acknowledgement that venture capital is risk capital.

Of £20m invested to date in 114 companies by the 11 earlier Start-up Scheme approved funds, £650,000 has been lost in four companies which failed.

Unfortunately, besides the venture risk, there is another risk inherent in approved funds – this concerns the timing of tax relief. Currently, tax relief is only given for the tax year in which the new shares are issued by the investor companies to the fund manager acting as nominees.

Consequently, investors with prospectively lower marginal tax rates next year should only invest in funds which will be fully invested by the end of the current tax year.

However, any fund may have difficulty in finding suitable companies, as have at least two *of the 1981/82 funds which are* still not fully invested. Approved funds will continue to give uncertain tax relief unless the Government accepts the merit of amending the legislation to allow tax relief to relate back to the year of subscription to the fund.

Funds may now invest in established unquoted companies as well as in start-up situations. Although start-ups are inherently more risky than investments in established companies, the more successful smaller companies could possibly achieve a tenfold or greater increase in share value after five years of sustained growth.

Tax relief would effectively *increase the rate of this return* to twentyfold or more for the 50 per cent taxpayer and to fortyfold or more for the 75 per cent taxpayer.

Apart from tax relief, the most important concern of investors will be the ease of realization of the shares after five years.

This will be easier in the case *of well established companies* ready for the USM or even full market listing. Fund management groups active in over-the-counter (OTC) markets will also be able to trade shares in successful companies which may not be ready for the USM.

OTC markets should be significantly more highly developed (and controlled) in five years' time. Currently, they are generally run on a matched bargains basis with no guarantee of sale. However, Hill Wollgar and Ravendale are prepared to act as principals, i.e. to give a jobbing service.

Other methods of realization include purchase of the shares by the company's management (more feasible with small placings); sales to institutional buyers; sale of the company; forming an investment holding company; and purchase of the shares by the company itself.

But otherwise, as Sabrelance's David Shaw (ex-County Bank) points out: "One of the most important points an individual should consider is what happens *at the end of the* five-year period if the shares are not marketable".

Sabrelance undertakes to *manage investments* on behalf of investors for up to 10 years to give additional time for company shares to become marketable.

If you wish to invest at a generous tax relief discount in new or expanding established companies and you need the selection, investment spread and management benefits that funds provide, then do not wait to the end of the tax year.

Now is the latest time to invest if tax relief for the current financial year is important to you. With some offshore roll-up fund money already looking for a new home, do not count on every fund remaining open to their closing dates.

John Harrison

Approved business expansion funds open to subscribers in November and December 1983

Fund	Minster Trust	Sabrelance	County Bank	Hill Woolgar	Ravendale	Britannia
Date launched	6.10.1983	17.10.1983	2.11.1983	9.11.1983	10.11.1983	15.11.1983
Closing date (Earlier on full subscription)	9.12.1983	9.12.1983	9.12.1983	16.12.1983	30.12.1983	5.12.1983
Fund: Maximum	£3m	£1.5m	£2.5m	£2m	£1.5m	£2.5m
Minimum	£½m	£0.4m	£1m	£¾m	£½m	
Minimum subscription (Add initial fee)	£2,000	£2,000	£5,000	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
Fees to subscribing investors						
Initial fee	4% + Vat	6% + Vat	5% + Vat	7% + Vat	7% + Vat	5% + Vat +5% + Vat on realization
Annual fee	Nil	Up to 1% + Vat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Charges to companies						
Placing fee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Fees for other services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Share option	Up to 20% of fund holding	Up to 15% of ex-fund equity	No option (other than with bank loans)	Up to 10% or equity	Up to 15% of equity	None
Investment range						
Minimum	£100,000 preferred	£30,000	£50,000	£50,000	£50,000	£100,000
Maximum (or 20% of fund)	£600,000	£250,000	£450,000	£400,000	£300,000	£500,000
Investment policy						
Start-up or expansion	Max 20% s-u	c. 20% s-u but 80% of fund may be in companies under 5 years	Mainly established companies	No pure s-u	Balance eg 25/75	New and emerging companies
Projected date for full investment (no guarantee)	April 5, 1984	April 5, 1984	April 5, 1985	April 5, 1985	April 5, 1985	April 5, 1985
Nominated directors on boards	If necessary	Always	If necessary	Usually	Usually	
Aims for realization of investments after five years	USM, etc.	OTC, management buy-outs, USM, etc.	USM, etc.	OTC, USM, etc.	OTC, USM, etc.	

FAMILY MONEY

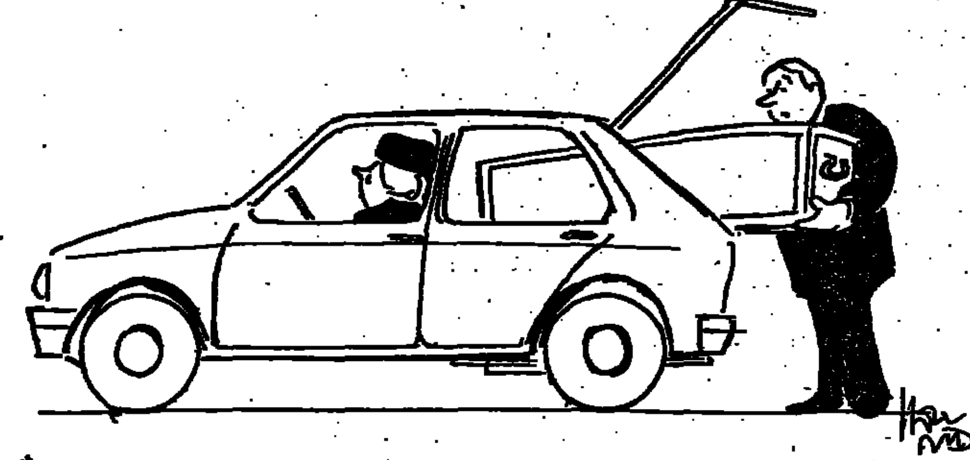
Funeral expenses

Cost of dying rises, but DIY burials rejected

The cost of dying, like everything else, goes up, but this year funeral directors have managed to keep prices below the rate of inflation, according to a survey of funeral expenses.

The average funeral now costs £370, representing a rise of less than 5 per cent on last year in spite of increased cemetery charges, and doctors' and clergy fees. This information is based on a sample survey conducted in eight areas throughout England by the Odd Fellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society. With the government grant toward death expenses still at only £30, this leaves an large sum of money still to be found.

But have you ever thought of a 'do-it-yourself' or family funeral? This idea is put forward (and I should add, rejected) by the vicar of Enfield, the Rev Bill Bowder, who completed the survey of funeral directors. For such a "DIY" funeral, you would have to buy a coffin which would cost about £30, with linings and handles an extra £5 or £10. The death certificate is usually handed to the nearest relative, but a second certificate is required for cremation.



"IT'S A GOOD THING WE GOT THE HATCHBACK"

The hospital authorities would be the next hurdle because some have a rule that they will release bodies only to an undertaker. "However, perseverance should win through red tape," says Mr Bowder.

Cemeteries and crematoria vary in their willingness to entertain the idea of a non-standard funeral. One crematorium in the north of England at first refused to accept a coffin that was not in a hearse, but relented when it was pointed out that it used a van to remove a body from hospital.

So with the hire charges for a van, doctor's certificates and an average crematorium fee of £50, a non-standard funeral without benefit of clergy could add up to £150.

"Would it be worth it?" asked Mr Bowder.

"In the face of very real difficulties which would arise with reluctant officials and the possibility of delays and the overwhelming emotional burden it would place on oneself after a death, the answer has got to be – no. It is under such conditions one would realize what sterling yet unsung work the funeral director does for his client."

With this sort of conclusion it is not surprising that the National Association of Funeral Directors broadly approves of the survey. But the association which represents 2,300 undertakers handling 80 per cent of funerals disputes the average cost.

The association believes that it is more like £350 for an undertaker's fees with another £150 for the extras bringing the total cost of £500. It says the £370 figure which excludes so many extras is "misleading."

The average figure in itself can be misleading as regional variations are so great. Local authorities can charge over £300 to open up a grave for someone who lives outside the area.

Camden, for instance, which has a policy of preferring local residents, charges £70 for people living in Camden and £210 for people who have moved away and want to return to be buried.

Mr Bowder's survey for the Odd Fellows Society showed that basic funeral costs varied between £105 for a hospital contract in Lowestoft, Suffolk, to £581 for one in Worthing, Sussex. The cheapest funerals on offer from the undertakers in 14 areas, excluding the hospital contract, ranged from £150 in Leeds to £350 in Worthing.

A number of undertakers, concerned about the huge variations across the country are pressing for a standardization of the fees charged by local authorities for cemetery and graveyard services.

But a funeral director in Market Harborough, Leicestershire, says that there can never be a standard price for a funeral. His company operates from a three-storey Georgian building set in ornamental gardens and cannot compete in prices with the high street shop.

"Our nearest crematorium is a round trip of 25 miles," he said. "Our clients, whatever their financial situation, are more concerned with value for money than with a cheap funeral."

An Otley, Yorkshire, undertaker, whose funeral costs average £400 to £600, said: "We care too much about our calling to do a 'cheap' funeral."

And a Norwich, Norfolk, undertaker said that people should be educated about the costs of funerals and encouraged to take out insurance to cover them. "People think nothing of spending £1,000 on holidays abroad. They want a high standard of life but they do not want to pay for a high standard of death."

Undertakers' fees are modest, he added, compared with vicars charging £16.50 an hour plus travelling expenses and doctors spending 20 minutes on a death certificate for which they are paid £32 plus travel

The Odd Fellows who commissioned the survey offer whole life insurance policies which pay out when you die.



They may not be the best value on the market but offer a fair return. A man of 40 would have to pay £1.95 a year for 20 years for every £100 insured, a man of 49, £4.25 and a man of 59, £6.40 a year for 10 years. And a man of 74 in good health could get cover for his death for £13.35 a year for every £100 covered.

Vivien Goldsmith

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Planning condition outwith power of applicant not invalid

Grampian Regional Council and Another v City of Aberdeen District Council

Before Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill and Lord Bridge of Harwich

[Speeches delivered November 24]

A condition imposed on a grant of planning permission that the development permitted was not to proceed unless and until a road closure had been brought about was valid notwithstanding that it was not wholly within the power of the applicant for permission to bring about that closure.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the City of Aberdeen District Council from the Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (Lord Emslie, Lord President, Lord Cameron and Lord Grieve) on January 18, 1983, (1983 SLT 526) who had allowed an appeal by the first respondents, the Grampian Regional Council, from the second respondent, the Secretary of State for Scotland.

The provisions of sections 26 (1), 38, 39 and 198 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, referred to by Lord Keith are reproduced in identical terms in sections 29 (1), 41, 42 and 209 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

Mr J. T. Cameron, QC and Mr R. S. Keen (both of the Scottish Bar) for Aberdeen; Mr J. A. Cameron, QC and Mr A. F. Rodger (both of the Scottish Bar) for Grampian and the secretary of state.

LORD KEITH said that Grampian had applied to Aberdeen and to Kincardine and Deeside District Council, the local planning authorities, for planning permission for the change of use of land lying across the authorities' boundaries from agricultural to industrial and approval of a site layout. The authorities had failed to issue determinations within the statutory time limit, and Grampian had appealed against the deemed refusals of permission to the secretary of state.

The reporter to whom determination of the appeals had been delegated had refused them on the sole ground of traffic safety. He had considered that the hazard would be removed if Wellington Road to the south of the site were to be closed, and had then considered whether it would be competent to grant planning permission subject to a condition requiring the closure of Wellington Road.

He had concluded that, since it did not lie wholly within Grampian's power to secure the closure of the road, because any closure order that they might make (under section 12 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1970) would require confirmation by the secretary of state, which, in the event of objections, would not necessarily be granted, the imposition of such a condition would not be competent.

The issue in the appeal turned on the nature of conditions that might lawfully be abjected to a grant of planning permission under section 26(1) of the 1972 Act. The power to abject conditions was expressed in the widest possible terms: "the local planning authority ... may grant planning permission either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as they think fit".

The power was not, however, unlimited. The nature of the limitations was well settled by authority and had been compendiously stated by Viscount Dilhorne in *Newbury District Council v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1981] AC 578, 599-600):

"It follows that the conditions imposed must be for a planning purpose and not for any ulterior one, and that they must fairly and reasonably relate to the development permitted. Also they must not be so unreasonable that no reasonable planning authority could have imposed them: ...".

Grampian's argument, which had prevailed before the First Division, accepted that a condition requiring them to secure the closure of Wellington Road would be invalid as infringing the last of those limitations, in respect that it would not lie within their power to bring about that result at their own hand and, accordingly, the condition would be unenforceable. Authority for that was to be found in *British Airports Authority v Secretary of State for Scotland* (1979 SC 200).

But it was maintained that the reporter had misdirected himself by failing to consider whether, given that the expected traffic hazards meant that otherwise desirable development could not be allowed to go ahead unless Wellington Road were closed, there was any form of enforceable condition not infringing the limitations laid down by authority that was capable of bringing about the desired result. Such a condition, it was argued, was a condition that development on the site should not proceed unless and until Wellington Road had been closed.

Before the House, Aberdeen had attacked the First Division's acceptance of that argument on the ground that the imposition on the grant of planning permission of any negative condition related to the occurrence of an uncertain event was unreasonable and therefore invalid.

It was maintained that there was no practical distinction between a condition requiring a result that it was not within the power of the applicant alone to bring about and a condition prescribing that no development should begin until that result had been achieved, because in either case the practical effect was to require the applicant to bring about something that was not within his power. It was said to be, in any event, undesirable that there should be prolonged uncertainty as to whether the development would be able to go forward or not.

There was no substance in those contentions. In the first place, there was a crucial difference between the positive and the negative type of condition in this context, namely that the latter was enforceable while the former was not. In the second place, the reasonableness of any condition had to be considered in the light of the circumstances

In this case, the proposals for development put forward by Grampian had been found by the reporter to be generally desirable in the public interest. The traffic problem was capable of being solved by the road closure, which had at least reasonable prospects of being achieved under statutory powers.

In the circumstances, it would have been not only not unreasonable but highly appropriate to grant planning permission subject to the condition that the development was not to proceed unless and until the closure had been brought about.

In any event, it was impossible to view a condition of that nature as unreasonable and not within the scope of section 26(1) of the Act if regard was had to section 198. Subsection (1) provided:

"The secretary of state may by order authorize the stopping up or diversion of any highway if he is satisfied that it is necessary to do so in order to enable development to be carried out in accordance with planning permission granted under Part III of this Act, or to be carried out by a government department."

A situation where planning permission had been granted subject to a condition that the development was not to proceed until a particular highway had been closed was plainly one situation within the contemplation of that enactment, though no doubt there were others.

The stopping up of the highway would obviously be necessary in order to enable the development to be carried out. So it was reasonable to infer that precisely the type of condition that was in issue in this appeal had been envisaged by the legislature in enacting section 26(1).

As it happened, Grampian had themselves power, under section 12 of the 1970 Act, to promote an order for the closure of the road. But that was an accident, though it might perhaps make the case an *a fortiori* one. Section 198 was entirely general and was apt to favour strongly the reasonableness of negative conditions relating to the closure of highways

As to the argument on uncertainty, it was sufficient to notice that the provisions of sections 38 and 39 of the Act, about the limit of duration of planning permissions, indicated the recognition that development that was the subject of planning permission might not be carried out within any particular time-scale or at all. There was nothing to compel any successful applicant for planning permission to carry out his development, so uncertainty might be said to be a natural feature of the planning process.

Lord Fraser, Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill and Lord Bridge agreed.

Solicitors: Sherwood & Co for A C Bennett & Fairweather, WS, Edinburgh; Martin & Co, parliamentary agents, for Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS, Edinburgh.

Sequestrators' questions must be answered

Messenger Newspaper Group Ltd v National Graphical Association

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Stephen Brown

[Judgment delivered November 30]

Where sequestration of a contemnor's assets had been ordered, anyone who knowingly took any action which prevented the sequestrators from carrying out their duty was obstructing a court order and therefore technically in contempt

The Court of Appeal so stated when dealing with ancillary matters following the withdrawal of an appeal by the National Graphical Association (NGA) against the decision of Mr Justice Eastham who had fined the union for contempt of court and had ordered that a writ of sequestration be issued against the union.

Mr Terence Rigby for the NGA; Mr Charles Garside for Messenger Newspapers; Mr Howard Page for the sequestrators; Mr Anthony Boswood for Barclays Bank (NGA's bankers); Stoy Hayward & Co were not present or represented.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Stoy Hayward & Co were asked to give information concerning details of the union's assets which was a proper and necessary request if effect was to be given to the sequestrators' duties under the writ of sequestration. The accountants replied that they were unable to disclose the information sought in the absence of instructions from their clients, the union, and that they were not satisfied that there was any legal basis for the request.

A similar problem had arisen in *Eckman v Midland Bank Ltd* ([1973] ICR 71) when the bank refused to comply with the sequestrators' request for information without an express order of the court. His Lordship (then President of the National Industrial Relations Court) giving the judgment of the court had said that the position of a third party in relation to a writ of sequestration was analogous to that of third party in relation to an injunction.

In the context of *Eckman's* case the court was concerned only with a bank which held or had held money on behalf of a contemnor. The principle which the court applied in that case was that no one should knowingly take any action which would obstruct compliance by the sequestrators with the terms of the writ of sequestration and thereby obstruct a court order.

Applying that principle in the present case, the refusal to disclose the information requested was clearly an obstruction to the performance of the sequestrators' duty. His Lordship did not doubt that Stoy Hayward & Co were acting in the way which they thought was correct. His Lordship was not criticizing them as professional accountants any more than the court was criticizing the bank in *Eckman's* case.

The accountants' action was based on a mistaken view of the law. They were entitled to think that their case could be considered to be different from that of *Eckman*

Their Lordships were clearly of the opinion that their case was not different. For that reason the accountants were technically in contempt of court.

The court would order that the accountants divulge the information asked for. The consent of the union's officials was irrelevant

Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Stephen Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Kershaw Gassman & Matthews; Church Adams Tatham & Co for Cobbetts, Manchester; Clifford-Turner; Durrant Piesse.

BOXING: BRITISH LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Board's policy means that viewers must miss a classic

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

It is a pity that the British Boxing Board of Control's policy of limiting promoters to four days a year when they can arrange for bouts to be televised on the day they take place will prevent the British lightweight championship from being shown on ITV screens this afternoon.

The viewers will be missing the best of British courage and skill when George Feeney, of Hartlepool, defends his title against Ton Willis, of Liverpool, at the Regent Crest Hotel, Marylebone, London.

The two men, though virtually unknown to the general public, are boxers of the highest standing in Britain and their contrasting styles would make exciting watching. Feeney, the boxer, has the perfect temperament to weather the assaults of Willis, the boxer-fighter.

The champion is never rattled even when the punches are landing on his nose, a part of his face which has an aversion to being pushed around. Feeney has been beaten nine times in his 25 bouts, but five of his defeats have been at the hands of high class opponents – Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Clinton McKenzie, Davidson Andeh, Ray Mancini, the world champion, and Howard Davis. The last two men tested Feeney's abilities to the full and the experience appears to have made him an even better boxer.

Willis, too, has a good temperament but he is not quite so phlegmatic as Feeney. He can get rattled when things are not going his way though usually his uncompromising attitude has always prevailed.

Willis: lively challenger

Willis has won all his 13 bouts, the last six inside the distance. A double ABA light welterweight champion, he found his way past the hard men of the Moscow Olympics to win a bronze medal, and should be able to fight a route round Feeney's jabs sooner or later.

The upright champion prides himself on going the distance (only Andeh has stopped him, in Lagos) and it was because to the 14 punishing rounds that feeney had to go through to stop Ray Cattouse that the board decided to cut the championship distance down from 15 to 12 rounds. But Willis could prove a little too lively and his greater variety of punches could make him the first home boxer to stop Feeney.

In fact of the fact that ITV's programme flexibility is restricted by commercial consideration and also because they pay 50 per cent more for same-day showings than delayed screenings, the board might have relaxed their television policy.

A few days ago, Ray Clarke, the secretary of the board, told me that one way out of this impasse was for Frank Warren, a promoter who has worked with ITV, to put on shows at different venues under the names of different licence-holders. Warren was prepared to do this, but when the proposition was put to the board by ITV it was considered to have come too late to be practicable.

There had been some doubts about the contest going on at all. The board it seemed, insisted that unless they received a written assurance from Warren that he would not show the bout the same day on television they would withdraw the officials. Yesterday, Mr Clarke denied this. The universities and hospitals championships will be held at Mountford Hall, Liverpool University today. There are 50 entries and Galway have the strongest team, and should lift the Harry Preston Trophy.

Sandhurst have received their interest in the event after nearly 55 years and have put in six. Although there should be some good boxing in the lighter weights, the heavyweights promise the best action

ATHLETICS: BUILDING HIGH, GETTING HIGH

Americans 'loaded' chief says

Indianapolis, (AFP) – John Randolph, the head of the United States athletics team at the Pan-American Games in Venezuela in August, has admitted to the Athletics Congress (TAC), the United States governing body for track and field sport, that several competitors had taken unauthorized substances. Some of the athletes were "loaded", he told the conference on Thursday.

Eleven American entrants went home before the start of their events, giving various official reasons. The TAC set up a commission of inquiry but it reached no firm conclusions.

One of its members, Willie Banks, the triple jump champion, said that none of the athletes who returned home would have given a positive dope test. "I am not saying that some were loaded or some were not, because I don't know", he said,

The original TAC report on the Pan-American Games walkout, prepared by a five-man commission and released last week, blamed US Olympic Committee doctors for 'bad advice'

Making moves to build a pyramid for the sport

By Pat Butcher

The long road to a single, governing body for athletics in Britain should pass an important milestone today. The working party report on amalgamation of the 19 bodies which currently administer athletics in Britain is to be debated by the AAA general committee in London. The report proposes the dissolution of the British Amateur Athletic Board, and that a United Kingdom AAA be set up.

That might sound like replacing one federation with another, but in reality the UKAAA would be a proper pyramid, with power at the top; whereas the BAAB was founded over 50 years ago, simply to organize international matches, and its power base has always been in the national organizations, and principally in the AAA, which administers English men's athletics.

Having Cram, Coe, Ovett, Moorcroft and Thompson under their auspices is the reason why the AAA, just one of the eight principal governing bodies – the men's and women's associations of the four home countries – could suggest, or even demand, this move to amalgamation.

There would still be national organizations for the four home countries, but the men and women would be administered by one body. The proposal is for a council of 19 people, with five paid officers, to administer coaching, finance, home affairs, international affairs and promotions. If the general committee accepts the report it will go to an extraordinary general meeting of the clubs. And they have threatened strong action if the committee ignore their wishes.

The appearance of Steve Ovett, against Roger Hackney, Steve Jones, Steve Harris, Mike Gratton, Barry Smith and Dave Bedford in the Rank Xerox 10k road race in Battersea Park tomorrow is the principal domestic fixture of the weekend. But there will be much interest in the reappearance of Alberto Salazar, who is due to run the Fukuoka Marathon in Japan, also tomorrow.

Waldemar Cierpinski, the double Olympic champion from East Germany, is also scheduled to run, as is Gerry Helme, of Britain, who was second in this year's London Marathon.

HOCKEY

Britain in search of lost horizon

By Sydney Friskin

The Great Britain men's hockey team, with Roger Self, manager, and David Whitaker, coach, leave for Hongkong today to try to regain their lost horizon – a place in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles next year. Their results, and final placing in the 10-nations Hongkong tournament, will be taken into account when the technical committee of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) meet in January to select the 12 teams for Los Angeles.

The British team does not have a complete schedule of matches, knowing only that their first game is against Parkistan on Dec 11. "It is difficult," Self said yesterday, "to plan any strategy without knowing specifically the order in which our obstacles appear.

"We have prepared the British team as well as we have been able to, and were permitted to do by the respective constituent associations." This last remark refers to the question of the availability of players and he has had about four months in which to prepare a force for his own 'Battle of Britain".

Self has implicit faith in his squad of 16, which contains only one player from Scotland, two from Northern Ireland, and 13 from England. No players were several years.

"I refuse to accept that we are ill-prepared. We have many experienced international players in the squad, and our only minor problem is to build up a unity of purpose, team spirit, and confidence in our ability.

Self coached Southgate to three successive triumphs in the European Club championship from 1976 to 1978, and in the same capacity helped Wales to achieve their only three victories over England, the most recent at Penarth in 1973.

After the British team had missed the bus for the 1976 Games in Montreal, having lost a three-match play off to Belgium in Amsterdam, the Great Britain Hockey Board, appointed Self to prepare a team for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

The results he achieved were good enough for the British team to earn selection, but both the players and management alike were frustrated when the Board withdrew the team from Moscow because of Afghanistan.

SQUAD: V H G Pappin (Scotland); S Martin, W McConnell (Northern Ireland), I C B Taylor, J L Duthie, D H T Craig, P J Barber, J N Potter, S N Kerly, D G Westcott (captain), K S Bhaura, S J Batchelor, R A Leman, N Hughes, D A V Faulkner, I Sherwani (England).

● Stewart MacIldowie died suddenly at Cheltenham on Thursday morning. He was 71. Mr MacIldowie was a vice president of the FIH and also chairman of the International Hockey Rules Board. Until recently, he was also chairman of the Hockey Association Umpires Selection Committee. He was due to leave for Hongkong shortly to officiate as a judge in the ten nations tournament.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER FIXTURES

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First division

Arsenal v West Bromwich
Aston Villa v West Ham
Liverpool v Birmingham
Luton v Coventry
Manchester U v Everton
Norwich v Tottenham
QP Rangers v Notts Co
Southampton v Stoke
Sunderland v Ipswich
Wolverhampton v Watford

Second division

Brighton v Cardiff
Cambridge U v Fulham
Carlisle v Leeds
Charlton v Middlesbrough
Chelsea v Manchester C
Derby v Newcastle
Huddersfield v Portsmouth
Oldham v Barnsley
Sheffield W v Shrewsbury
Swansea v C Palace

Third division

Bolton v Brentford
Bradford C v Plymouth
Bristol R v Sheffield U
Exeter v Hull
Newport v Wigan (3.15)
Orient v Preston
Port Vale v Gillingham
Rotherham v Burnley
Scunthorpe v Bournemouth
Walsall v Millwall
Wimbledon v Lincoln

Fourth division

Blackpool v Peterborough
Chester v Bury
Chesterfield v Tranmere
Colchester v Hartlepool
Darlington v Mansfield
Northampton v Bristol C
Rochdale v Hereford
Swindon v Doncaster
York v Aldershot

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Motherwell
Dundee v St Mirren
Hibernian v Dundee U
Rangers v Hearts
St Johnstone v Celtic

Scottish first division

Alloa v Ayr
Clydebank v Meadowbank
Falkirk v Hamilton
Kilmarnock v Clyde
Morton v Airdrie
Partick v Brechin
Raith v Dumbarton

Scottish second division

Cowdenbeath v East Fife
E Stirling v Queen of South
Forfar v Berwick
Queen's Park v Arbroath
Stenhousemuir v Dunfermline
Stirling v Albion
Stranraer v Montrose

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Hastings; AP Leamington v Witney; Bedworth v Dorchester; Chelmsford v Folkestone; Corby v Fisher; Gloucester v Dartford; Gosport v Stourbridge; Gravesend v King's Lynn; Sutton Coldfield v Fareham; Welling v Cheltenham. Midland division: Aylesbury v Forest Green; Banbury v Oldbury; Bridgwater v Moor Green; Bromsgrove v Willenhall; Rushden v Leicester United. Southern division: Addlestone v Chatham; Andover v Canterbury; Cambridge City v Salisbury; Dover v Woodford; Thanet v Erith and Belvedere; Tonbridge v Poole; Waterlooville v Dunstable.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: West Brom v Aston Villa (2.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich v Reading (2.15); Tottenham v Luton (2.0); Watford v Bristol Rovers; West Ham v Chelsea (2.0).
IRISH LEAGUE (2.15): Bangor v Newry Tn; Cliftonville v Carrick; Coleraine v Crusaders; Distillery v Ballymena, Glenavon v Linfield; Glentoran v Ards (3.0); Larne v Portadown.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham v Boston United; Bangor City v Nuneaton; Barnet v Runcorn; Bath v Maidstone; Dagenham v Gateshead; Northwich v Frickley; Scarborough v Kettering; Telford v Kidderminster; Trowbridge v Yeovil; Weymouth v Enfield; Worcester v Wealdstone.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton v Witton; Chorley v Macclesfield; Gainsborough v South Liverpool; Goole v Morecambe; Grantham v Workington; Hyde v Stafford; Marine v Buxton; Oswestry v Horwich; Southport v Mossley; Worksop v Barrow.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay v Bromley; Bishop's Stortford v Bognor Regis; Carshalton v Croydon; Harrow v Leytonstone and Ilford; Hitchin v Dulwich Hamlet; Sutton United v Hayes; Tooting and Mitcham v Slough; Walthamstow v Harlow; Worthing v Staines; Wycombe v Hendon. First division: Boreham Wood v Hertford; Chesham v Lewes at Tring FC; Cheshunt v Epsom and Ewell; Feltham v Woking; Kingstonian v Hampton; Maidenhead United v Leatherhead; Metropolitan Police v Oxford City; Wembley v Clapton; Walton and Hersham v Hornchurch; Windsor and Eton v Tilbury. Second division: Eastbourne United v Tring; Egham v Hungerford; Finchley v Ware; Letchworth v Horsham; St Albans v Molesey.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Banstead v Hoddesdon; Camberley v Haringey; Chalfont St Peter v Redhill; Chertsey v Berkhamsted; Harwich and Parkeston v Horley; Ruislip Manor v Thatcham (2.15).
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.00): First division: Charlton v Queen's Park Rangers; Chelsea v Portsmouth; Ipswich v Millwall; Norwich v Gillingham; Orient v Fulham; Southend v Cambridge United; Tottenham v Arsenal; West Ham v Watford. Second division: Bristol Rovers v Brighton; Luton v Brentford; Oxford United v Wimbledon.
BERKS & BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Second round: Flackwell Heath v Wokingham.
ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Barking v Aveley.
HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round: Brading v Farnborough (2.0); Cove v Portsmouth RN (2.0); Fleet v Waterlooville.
FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Second round: Norfolk v Suffolk (at Great Yarmouth Town FC, 2.0).
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.0): Premier division: Harrovians v Foresters; Malvernians v Bradfieldians. First division: Wykehamists v Aldenhamians.
ARGONAUT TROPHY: Second round: Carthusians v Cholmeleians.
WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Clandown; Liskeard v Dawlish; Melksham v Bideford; Plymouth Argyle R v Weston-Super-Mare; Saltash v Frome; Taunton v Shepton Mallet.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Ashington; Evenwood v Bishop Auckland; Ferryhill v Peterlee; North Shields v Horden; Tow Law v Spennymoor; South Bank v Consett; Whitby v Blyth Spartans; Whitley Bay v Crook.
CUP SECOND ROUND: Shildon v Alnwick.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold v Sutton Town; Belper v Thackley; Boston v Mexborough; Emley v Bentley Victoria; Heanor v Eastwood; Ilkeston v Spalding; Winterton R. v Bridlington Trinity.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Accrington Stanley v Burscough; Ashton v Glossop; Congleton v Caernarfon; Formby v Curzon Ashton; Lancaster v Bootle; Leyland Motors v Prescot Cables; Penrith v Netherfield; Radcliffe v Darwen; Stalybridge Celtic v St Helens; Winsford v Leek.
FA VASE: second round (2.0): Ossett v Harrogate; Chester le Street v Norton and Stockton Ancients; Whickham v Eppleton; Gretna v Brandon; Farsley Celtic v Guisborough; Clitheroe v Guiseley; Blue Star v Nunthorpe; Fleetwood v Esh Winning; North Ferriby v Barnworth MW; Barton Town v Cheadle; Warrington v Hallam, Atherton v Rylands; Ellesmere Port v Appleby Frodingham; Lincoln United v Shepshed Charterhouse; Denaby v Irlam; Heswell v Hatfield Main;

Irthlingborough Diamonds v 61 FC Luton; Stowmarket v Crown and Manor; Harefield v Southall; Rothwell v Stevenage; Winslow v Tiptree; Leyton Wingate v Kingsbury (3.0); Barton Rovers v Uxbridge (3.0); Buckingham v Ransomes; Eaton Bray v Saffron Walden; Grays v Burnham, Hemel Hempstead v Marlow (3.0); Whyteleafe v Corinthian Casuals; RS Southampton v Maidenhead Town; Crockenhill v Cray; Three Bridges v Dorking.

Frecheville Community v Staveley Works; Coventry Sporting v Bridgnorth; Paget v Hinckley; Friar Lane v Hucknall CW; Wigston Fields v Halesowen; Arnold Kingswell v Shifnal; March v Holbeach; Atherstone v Gresley; VS Rugby v Skegness; Gorleston v Stamford; Desborough v Yarmouth; Wivenhoe v Haverhill; Crane Sports v Potton; Witham v Baldock; Basildon v Stansted; Braintree v Ampthill.

Bracknell v Littlehampton; Tunbridge v WV Ash, Arundel v Alma Swanley; Sholing Sports v Eastleigh; Deal v Swanley; Southwick v Whitehawk; Newport IOW v Hythe; Malvern v Wantage; Yate v Brockenhurst; Shortwood v Abingdon Town; Bristol Manor Farm v Almondsbury; Chippenham v Newbury; Bicester v Fairford; Devizes v Mangotsfield; Old Georgians v Clevedon; Newquay v Exmouth.

HOCKEY

LONDON LEAGUE (all 2.15): Premier division: Guildford v Richmond; Teddington v Spencer. League: Cambridge University v Blackheath; London University v Bromley; Maidenhead v Hawks; Mid-Surrey v Old Kingstonians; Oxford University v Southgate; Reading v St Albans; Surbiton v Purley; Wimbledon v Dulwich.
EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford v Cambridge City; Fords v Broxbourne; Harleston Magpies v Bishop's Stortford; Ipswich v Chelmsford; Long Sutton v Norfolk Wanderers; Old Loughtonians v Blueharts; St Neots v Norwich Grasshoppers; Westcliff v Pelicans.
SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham v Anchorians; Chichester v Indian Gymkhana; Eastcote v Bognor; East Grinstead v Canterbury; Folkestone v Camberley; Lyons v Walton; Metropolitan Police v Fareham; Trojans v Oxford Hawks.
MIDDLESEX/BERKS, BUCKS OXON REGION: Aylesbury v Banbury; City of Oxford v Marlow; Efessa v British Airways; Hayes v Polytechnic; High Wycombe v Bracknell; Reading University v Tilehurst; Richings Park v Headon; Sunbury v Staines.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: RAF v Hampstead (at RAF Uxbridge, 2.15).
CRYSTAL PALACE: John Courage indoor tournament (9.0).

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East (at Wisbech): Cambridgeshire v Lincolnshire (1.0); Huntingdonshire v Norfolk (2.15).

VOLLEYBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Women's first division: Hemel Hempstead v Spark (1.30); Birmingham A Institute v Trident Kaso (6.0); Hillingdon v Speedwell Rucanor (6.30); Ashcombe v Portsmouth Allsports (6.20).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Mens' First Division: Team TAK v Dundee Kirkton; West Coast v Murray International Metals; Whitburn v Falkirk; Airdrie v Paisley; Bellshill Cardinals v DV '81. Women's first division: Telford Tigers v Whitburn; West Coast Women v Carluke; Telford v Kyle; Larbert HSFP's v Auchenmoshan; Sports Conscious DCPE v Inverclyde.
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OTHER SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY: Sussex championships (at Lancing Manor); Scottish Northern District League (at Fort Williams); Kent League (at Maidstone); Liverpool League (at Warrington); North Wales League (at Colwyn Bay); West Yorkshire League (at Holmfirth); Surrey Women's League (at Ewell Court); Oxford University v Cambridge University (at Wimbledon Common).
REAL TENNIS: British Open Doubles Final (at Queen's Club, 11 00).
SNOOKER: UK Championship (at Guild hall, Preston).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Crystal Palace v Warrington (8.30); Concaster v Kingston (8.0); Hemel Hempstead v Manchester Giants (8.0); Bracknell Pirates v Solent Stars (8.0). Second division: Colchester v Bradford Mythbreakers (5.0); Nottingham v Calderdale Explorers (7.0); Plymouth Raiders v Gateshead (7.30); Uxbridge v Merseyside Mustangs (8.0). First division (women): Manchester v Nottingham (7.30); Colchester v Northampton (4.0); Crystal Palace v Southgate (6.15).

RUGBY UNION

5 INTERNATIONAL

Scotland v Ireland, at Melrose, 2.15

JOHN PLAYER CUP

Second round

High Wycombe v Lydney (2.15)
Norwich v Henley (2.15)
Nottingham v Newark
Nuneaton v Fylde
Richmond v US Portsmouth (2.15)
Southend v KCS Old Boys (2.15)
Stroud v Dartfordians (2.30)
Vipers v Stourbridge (2.30)
West Hartlepool v Morley (2.30)
Worthing v Old Redcliffians (2.30)

CLUB MATCHES

Abertillery v Bridgend
Bath v London Scottish
Bedford v Neath
Boroughmuir v Royal High (2.15)
Camborne v Torquay (2 45)
Cardiff v Swansea
Cheltenham v Vale of Lune
Ebbw Vale v Maesteg
Edinburgh Academicals v Heriot's FP (2.15)
Gosforth v Sheffield (2.15)
Harlequins v Blackheath (2.15)
Hartlepool Rvrs v Stewart's Melville FP (2.30)
Kelso v Melrose (2.15)
Leicester v Gloucester
London Irish v Metropolitan Police (2.30)
London Welsh v Aberavon (2.30)
Moseley v Headingley
Newbridge v Cross Keys
New Brighton v Orrell
Newport v Bristol (2.30)
Northampton v Llanelli
Northern v Huddersfield (2.30)
Otley v Wilmslow (2.30)
Penarth v Birmingham
Plymouth Albion v Exeter (2.45)
Pontypool v Glamorgan Wanderers
Pontypridd v Sale
Preston Grasshoppers v Waterloo (2.30)
Rugby v Halifax (2.30)
Saracens v Liverpool (2.30)
Wakefield v Manchester (2.30)
Wasps v Rosslyn Park (2.30)

HERTS MERIT TABLE: Hemel Hempstead v Old Verulamians; Tabard v Hertford.
SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Maidstone v Sutton and Epsom.
SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Trojans v Guildford and Godalming.

LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Ashton; Mellor v Old Stopfordians; Old Waconians v Stockport; Sheffield University v Sale; Timperley v Old Hulmeians; Urmston v South Manchester and Wythenshawe.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham v London University; Hillcroft v Chipstead; Kenton v Buckhurst Hill; Lee v Hampstead.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FIRST DIVISION: Nottingham Forest v Leicester City.
SECOND DIVISION: Blackburn Rovers v Grimsby Town.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers v Widnes (3.30); Fulham v Castleford; Hull KR v St Helens; Salford v Leeds; Wakefield Trinity v Hull (3.30); Warrington v Bradford Northern; Wigan v Whitehaven.
SECOND DIVISION: Barrow v Keighley (2.30); Batley v Carlisle (2.30); Cardiff City v Swinton (2 30); Huddersfield v Dewsbury; Hunslet v Blackpool Borough (3.30); Kent Invicta v Halifax; Rochdale Hornets v Bramley; Workington Town v Doncaster (2.30); York v Huyton (2.15).
UNDER 24 INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain v France (at Oldham).

HOCKEY

TOURNAMENT: John Courage International Club Indoor (Crystal Palace NSC, 9am).
COUNTY MATCHES: Essex v Lincolnshire A (Witham HC 2.15), Middlesex U21 v Buckinghamshire U21 (Willesden NSC, 2.15).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES (2.15): Purley v Army, RAF v Leicester (RAF College, Cranwell); Berkshire U21 v Army U21 (Windsor HC); RAF U21 v High Wycombe U21 (RAF High Wycombe); Royal Navy U21 v Sussex U21 (US Portsmouth).
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Norwich Union East, quarter-finals (1.45): Bedfordshire Eagles v Felixstowe; Bishop's Stortford v Bedford; Cambridge City v Old Loughtonians; St Albans v Blueharts.
South (1.30): Amersham v Bognor; Maidenhead v Blackheath.
TRUMAN SOUTH LEAGUE (REGIONAL): Middlesex, Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Banbury v Staines (2.15).

LACROSSE

COUNTY 18 MATCH: Cheshire v Lancashire (Gale Green, Stockport, 2.00)

VOLLEYBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Women's Division: Hemel Hemstead v Trident Kaso (1.30). Birmingham A Institute v Spark (1.30). Hillingdon v Portsmouth Allsports (2.30). Ashcombe v Speedwell Rucanor (1.20). Bradford Mythbreakers v Nottingham (11.30).
SEVEN UP TOURNAMENT at Ulster Polytechnic VC.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Brighton Bears v Warrington (4.0); Sunderland v Bolton (4.0). Second division: Team Sandwell v Camden (4.0); Newcastle v Waterford Royals (4.0). Portsmouth v Gateshead (3.0). First division: (women): Sandwell Sportsco v Brighton Wasps (2.0); London YMCA Bobcats v Solent Suns (2.0).

OTHER SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY: Midland Woman's League (at Redditch): South Yorkshire League.
ROAD RUNNING: Rank Xerox 10 race (at Battersea).
SNOOKER: UK Championship.

Authorized Unit Trusts

Unit Trust Prices - change on the week

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
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		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers. 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
75.1	+0.7	Canlife Gen	72.0	73.8	3.74
110.6	+1.1	Do Accum	106.0	111.6	3.74
34.7	+0.1	Gilt & F Int	33.1	34.8	..
51.8	+0.8	Income Dist	50.0	52.6e	6.43
94.8	+1.4	Do Accum	91.4	96.2	6.45
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. Royal Exchange, London, EC3P 3DN 01-628 8011			
189 9	-0 1	Guardhill	183.2	189.8	3 25
121.1	+0 2	Gilt & F.I.	116 7	121.3	9.38
108.1	+2 4	Growth Equity	102.7	110.5	2 45
104 8	-0 1	Nth America	97.3	104.7e	1.70
114.5	+2 5	Pacific	108.8	117.0e	0.36
118 4	+3 4	Small Co's	113 2	121 8	1.87
114 4	+3 3	Property	109.4	117 7e	1.87
		McAnally Fund Management Ltd. Regis House, King William St. EC4. 01-623 4951			
59.2	+0.1	Delphi Inc Acc	55.7	59.3	7.16
35.9	-1.1	Do Income	33.8	35.8e	7.16
167.1		Glen Fund Acc	157.0	167.1	3.24
106.8	+1.8	Do Income	102.0	108.5e	3.19
		Black Horse Life Assurance Co Ltd. 71 Lombard St, London, EC3 P3BS. 01-623 1288			
233.2	+7 3	Black Horse Bnd	..	240 8	..
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264.4	+17.1	Eq Int Tech Fd	267.4	281 5	..
165.12	+5.87	Managed Inv	162.40	170.90	..
159.44	+0.39	Property	151.83	159.83	..
153.78	+2.84	Fixed Int	148.31	156.62	..
143 68	+0.51	Cash	136 98	144 19	..
177.23		Income	168 36	177 23	..
169.22	+5 23	Extra Income	165.72	174.45	..

FOOTBALL: CHAIRMAN TRIES TO SOLVE HIGHBURY CRISIS

Albion to provide good test of Arsenal attitude

By Peter Ball

It has become increasingly evident that the cult of the manager is being superseded by the cult of the chairman. Yesterday it went a step further with Arsenal's chairman Peter Hill-Wood giving his players their pre-match pep talk.

This afternoon Arsenal supporters (and other interested chairmen) will be able to judge the efficacy of the chairman's ability as a motivator when the team attempt to pick themselves up from their humiliation by Walsall against West Bromwich Albion at Highbury.

Mr Hill-Wood obviously took to his task as to the manner born."I tried to impress on everyone that we must be fiercely competitive to curvive at this level" he said afterwards. His confidence in his ability to match the Cloughs and Allisons showed through as he added: "I think the players will respond with 110 per cent tomorrow and hopefully earn three points'."

But although Mr Hill-Wood warned that "No-one's job here is entirely secure, nobody has a divine right to be employed by Arsenal and one is questioning everyone" for the moment at least Terry Neill has retained the manager's function of selecting the team. Unsurprisingly that shows three changes, Neill remarking that had it not been for the injuries to Rix, O'Leary and Talbot, "there might have been others. The players I have left out are missing because they do not deserve to be in. One or two others can count themselves lucky to have another chance."

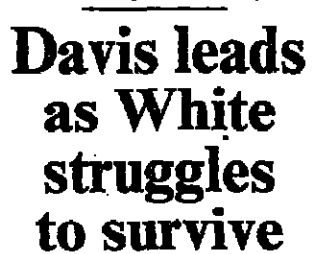
As it is, Sunderland and Whyte bear the brunt of the responsibility for Tuesday's Milk Cup defeat. Caton, Arsenal's new signing, comes in for his first game in these inauspicious curcumstances and will be partnered at centre-half by the 17-year-old Tony Adams, while David Madden, a midfield player signed on a free transfer from Southampton during the summer, replaces Sunderland.

West Bromwich themselves make four changes after their midweek Milk Cup defeat, but as a result of injuries, Regis, Robertson, Jol and Whitehad all dropping out. Bennett, Monaghan, MacKenzie and Webb come in. Even without Jol and his colleagues however West Bromwich are not an encouraging team for faint-hearts to play against, so Arsenal's much criticized players have a good opportunity to answer critics questioning their attitude. One hopes Mr Hill-Wood was suitably inspirational.

If Neill feels that his position has been usurped by his chairman's intervention, Luton Town's manager David Pleat, who a month ago denied that he was moving to Highbury, yesterday reasserted the supremacy of the manager. Responding to suggestions by Luton's chairman Denis Mortimer that the club might sell players like Walsh and Elliot to balance the books in the face of a threatened supporters' boycott. Pleat was firm. "No player will leave here unless I think it is for the good of the club, and if we get into a situation where the unthinkable happens, it would be time for me to look at my own position" he stated.

Unlike at Highbury, Luton supporters can be expected to show their full support for the manager at today's attractive match against Coventry City, Pleat selecting an unchanged team. Coventry are without Grimes, the most expensive of their summer signing spree, Platnauer replacing him.

Compared to the traumas at Highbury the other London first division clubs can feel very self-satisfied. Tottenham Hotspur, their own embarrassment at their Milk Cup exit eclipsed by the subsequent fate of their neighbours, are unchanged for the difficult trip to Norwich City, where they attempt to extend their unbeaten league run to 10 matches. At Carrow Road Norwich always provide a good test



Sunderland (left) and Whyte: bearing the brunt of responsibility for Arsenal's Milk Cup defeat.

for the aspiration of leading teams, and if Tottenham emerge from this match with their run intact they will have reason to believe they can seriously challenge the leading group.

Even if Tottenham win, they are unlikely to make inroads on Liverpool's lead however, as the champions have a home game with a depleted Birmingham City. Blake suspended and hisatural replacement, Stevenson, face a late fitness test, as does the former Liverpool winger Gayle. Halsall, another former Liverpool reserve, and Rogers stand by. Liverpool await a fitness test on Dalglish.

West Ham United's position in second place could be more vulnerable as they travel to Villa Park, never the happiest of hunting-grounds for them, after two home draws in both of which they came off second best. Aston Villa, however, are suffering the consequences of their midweek encounter with West Bromwich. Withe has joined Cowans, Shaw McMohon and Bremner on the injury list and Rideout is doubtful. A young defender, Walker, has been pressed into service in Withe's place and Morley will come in if Rideout is also absent. West Ham, in contrast, are unchanged.

Everton, who were so impressive at Upton Park on Wednesday, go to Old Trafford, and if they can repeat their performance against West Ham could give United a fright. Heath, however, has been omitted to make way for Gray, which suggests Moran and McQueen face an aerial battle. United recall Crooks in place of Whiteside, and Hughes stands by in case Graham fails a fitness test on his damaged ankle.

In the second division the game of the day is at Stamford Bridge, where Chelsea, who are second, entertain Manchester City, who are fourth. Chelsea may be without Bumstead. City, who have Reid and Baker suspended, bring in their new signing Dalziel, and replace Caton with Walsh. But if they have lost one City stalwart they welcome back another, Hartford returning after a three-month lay-off.

Scottish squad built on European club success

By Hugh Taylor

A party of players endowed with the talent to bring signs of envy from practically every other footballing country in the world was announced yesterday by the manager, Jock Stein, for the visit of Scotland to Northern Ireland on December 13. Of the 20 members of the pool, no fewer than 17 play with clubs who retain an interest in the European club tournaments, only Thomson, Stewart and Nicholas being estranged from the elite corps.

If it is true that international success now attends countries who can field teams from a minimum of clubs, no manager can be more fortunate that Stein, as he has at his command six players from Aberdeen, who are European Cup Winners Cup holders, four from Celtic and three from Dundee United, two of the most feared British clubs in Europe, and two from Liverpool, the most famous club of the decade.

Despite all that, there is still a nagging worry for the Scottish supporters. Are the players paper tigers? Despite individual ability, Scotland at the moment occupy an embarrassing place in the international ratings, and few supporters are expected to make the short journey to Belfast.

Bluntly, the once-fervent followers feel they have been let down by the recent dismal displays of the team, in spite of the assertion of the manager that there have been a few glimpses of the pattern he seeks, and they do not fancy Scotland's chances against a spirited Irish side, thirsting to take a slap at the countries which have snidely put them in the role of poor relations following the SFA's withdrawal from the home championship.

Nevertheless, by the time of the kick-off at Windsor Park, Scotland will know against whom they are competing in their World Cup qualifying section, and the knowledge that the country has done magnificently in recent years in qualifying three times in a row for the premier tournament will reinforce spirits, at a low ebb after disaster in the European Championship.

The return of Souness should provide better order in the midfield and if Rougvie, who gains his first representative honour, is played, the massive Aberdeen defender will perhaps breathe into the proceedings some of the fire which has been sadly lacking in recent times.

Meanwhile, Aberdeen are playing with such power and confidence that they should consolidate their position as premier division leaders with a win over struggling Motherwell at Pittodrie today. Celtic even with the second leg of the EUFA Cup tie with Nottingham Forest on Wednesday on their minds, will not be unduly troubled at Perth by St Johnstone, the club at the foot of the table.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: J Leighton (Aberdeen), W Thomson (St Mirren), R Stewart (West Ham), D Rougvie (Aberdeen), D Narey (Dundee United), A Albiston (Manchester United), R Aitken (Celtic), R Gough (Dundee United), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), G Souness (Liverpool), T Burns (Celtic), K Dalglish (Liverpool), P McStay (Celtic), G Strachan (Aberdeen), S Archibald (Tottenham), D Dodds (Dundee United), I McGarvey (Celtic), C Nicholas (Arsenal), P Weir (Aberdeen).

Results

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Greece 1, Hungary 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	6	5	0	1	13	4	10
Greece	6	3	2	1	8	4	8
Hungary	6	1	1	4	7	8	3
Denmark	6	1	1	4	6	16	3

England qualify for the quarter-finals.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 3, Rosario Central 0; Union De Santa Fe 1, Talleres 1; Huracan 1, Velez Sarsfield 2; Instituto Cordoba 1, Temperley 1; Racing Cordoba 0, Argentinos Juniors 1; Independiente 2, Estudiantes 1; Newell's Old Boys 0, River plate 0; Sanlorenzo 1, Nueva Chicago 1.

CAIRO: african Cup Winners' Cup: Final, second leg: Arab Contractors 0, Agaza Lome 0 (agg 1-0).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Stoke 2, Bolton 2. Second division: Wigan 1, Chesterfield 2 (played Thursday).

FA YOUTH CUP: First round replay: Brentford 5, Leatherhead 0. Second round: Carshalton 0, Arsenal 2. (Played Thursday).

● Zurich (Reuter) – The International Football Federation have decided to move Israel to the Oceania group in the World Cup.

£15,000 for supporter

Lyons, France (AFP) – St Etienne Football Club have been ordered by an appeal court to pay 177,106 francs (£15,000) in compensation to a supporter injured after watching a match at the club's stadium in 1977. Maurice Lavaure, now 63, was forced against a crash barrier by fans celebrating an important win by the St Etienne team. He was then trampled underfoot by the stampeding crowd.

Lavaure told the court he was totally disabled for two years, 75 per cent disabled for another two years and would remain 40 per cent disabled. The appeal court were increasing a provisional award of 50,000 francs.

Another Swansea blow as Livermore goes

By Peter Walker

A month after taking over from John Toshack, who resigned as manager of Swansea City, Doug Livermore, the club's former coach, has decided to call it a day, too. "I'm just not up to the job", Livermore said. His side have not won a point since he took over at the end of October.

Swansea's chairman, Douglas Sharpe, said Livermore's decision had come as a shock, although he added that when Livermore agreed to take over on the departure of Toshack he had said that he wanted to see how things went for a while before agreeing to take on the job on a permanent basis. Now Swansea, currently at the foot of the second division, will have to advertise for a new manager.

"We'll probably go for a player-manager much along the lines of six years ago when we were in the fourth division and we persuaded John Toshack to join us on that basis," Mr Sharpe said last night.

On the financial front the club are still in difficulties, even though they received £180,000 this week through selling Jeremy Charles to Queen's Park Rangers and Alan Curtis to Southampton. The bank deadline for reducing their £1.5m overdraft by £400,000 by the end of November has come and gone, and at present the chairman and two of his directors are paying the club's salary bill out of their own pockets.

Blissett exchange denied

Milan (AP) – A spokesman of AC Milan yesterday described as "ridiculous and groundless" reports that they might exchange Luther Blissett for Norman Whiteside, of Manchester United.

"We never planned such an operation, which would be impossible in the current season," Renato Ferrari said.

Under existing rules, Italian clubs can negotiate the transfer of Italian and foreign players at the end of the season, that is between July 1 and the middle of August. "Theoretically we could transfer Blissett to a foreign club, but we would be unable to get any substitute," Ferrari pointed out.

Blissett, formerly of Watford, signed a three-year contract with AC Milan last summer. He has been having problems getting accustomed to Italian play. The Milanese club had an option on Whiteside last season, but he was unwilling to leave England.

● Twelve of Poland's 16 first division clubs have been penalized by the national federation for alleged illegal financial dealings, the news agency PAP reported in Warsaw yesterday. The 12, including the defending champions, Lech Poznan, Wizdew Lodz and Gornik Zabrze, have been barred from undertaking foreign tours throughout 1984. Only clubs involved in European competitions will be allowed to leave the country, and then only to play in these competitions.

Wolves pay for Crainie

Wolvererhampton Wanderers yesterday completed the signing of Danny Crainie, a midfild player, aged 21, after agreeing to pay Celtic £25,000. Wolves has originally tried to claim that Crainie was available on a free transfer.

His contract has apparently been cancelled by Celtic, but Wolves were unable to register the move with the Football League since the Scottish FA refused to release Crainie's registration.

Wolves sent a six-man deputation to Glasgow yesterday, but Celtic still insisted on a £25,000 fee. Crainie will make his fifth appearance for Wolves in an unchanged side against Watford at Molineux today.

Maracaña threatened

Rio de Janeiro, (AP) – Maracana stadium, the world's largest football park and an internationally known sports landmark, may close because of financial problems, officials say. The 180,000-seat stadium has been losing money for years, and a slump in attendance and the need for urgent repairs could force it to shut down.

"The situation is critical," Pedro Costa, a spokesman for the state sports agency, Suderj, that operates Maracana, said.

Built for the 1950 world Cup here, Maracana is rundown. The seats are broken, the scoreboard lights partly burned out, the playing field lumpy and poorly drained.

SNOOKER

Davis leads as White struggles to survive

By Sydney Friskin

Steve Davis, a model of consistency, led his more erratic opponent, Jimmy White, by five frames to three at the halfway stage of their semi-final match in the United Kingdom championship sponsored by Coral's at the Guildhall, Preston, yesterday. The eight frames of the afternoon were completed in three hours, including a 15-minute interval.

There were times when Davis, the world champion, looked so superior, that he seemed likely to establish a more substantial lead. Davis's judgment was sound and his cue action superb, but although White was in some desperate situations, he managed to regain some ground by winning an absorbing eighth frame.

The first frame of the match clearly belonged to Davis. The second could have gone either way, but was won by Davis despite an impressive break of 51 by White. The third frame was engrossing, with Davis making a fine break of 59 and White responding with a clearance break of 58 to level the scores, and win the frame on the respotted black.

Failing to capitalise on a mistake by Davis midway through the fourth frame, White missed a simple red at the top of the table. Davis came in for another profitable manoeuvre, coolly wrapping up the frame. Davis soon extended his lead to 4-1, with strokes of grace and ease, making a break of 59 and forcing White to concede with one red left.

White was in another spot of trouble in the next frame, but he did manage to pull himself together for a break of 46, eventually reducing the lead to 4-2 in a tight finish.

In the next frame, Davis piled on 66 points before White had potted a ball. After a couple of futile attempts to get off the mark, White conceded. White ended a break of 36 in the eighth frame by potting a red and screwing the cue ball back into a side pocket, but White in the end eliminated the colours up to the pink.

Alex Higgins, overjoyed on Thursday night after his 9-4 victory over the holder, Terry Griffiths, said he was glad to be back with his family after a brief separation.

RESULTS: Semi-final: S Davis leads J White, 5-3. Frame scores (Davis first): 70-37, 60-51, 59-66, 83-24, 72-28, 62-70, 70-0, 26-75. Thursday: Semi-final: A Higgins bt T Griffiths 9-4. Frame scores (Higgins first): 78-24, 63-51, 94-38, 42-86, 11-113, 79-55, 63-1, 87-53, 46-74, 58-38, 73-22, 1-70, 67-12.



Davis: consistent

RUGBY UNION: THREE INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Rosslyn Park aiming to deprive powerful Wasps of record

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The two B internationals to be played at Melrose and Bourg-en-Bresse today leave the English club programme largely unaffected, though London Scottish, who take a weakened side to Bath, may not agree. This is a matter for some rejoicing, for all too often the country's leading clubs find themselves meeting each other with diluted sides.

Last season Wasps languished in seventh place in the London merit table. This season they lead any table you care to mention with an unbeated record, which Rosslyn Park, second placed club in London last April, will take great delight in trying to knock askew. Given that the unfortunate Melville is still missing with fresh investigations to be made to the knee which had a cartilage operation earlier this year, Wasps field possibly their strongest side of the season.

Even though Rendall, the England B prop, is missing with a damaged ankle they are hardly weakened, since they can include Porter, a Hawkes Bay player now teaching at Mill Hill. Spice is added to the contest by the opposition of Stringer and Rose, the respective full backs and Nos 2 and 3 (one imagines) in the pecking order behind Hare.

Park may struggle in the tight but there is no doubting the strength of their back row and the potential of their back division, in which Carr, the right wing, has made a considerable impact. Much of their play revolves round the cool young head of Jermyn, at stand-off half, thought with Dun, Pegler and Emeruwa breathing down his neck, cool may not be quite the right word.



Stringer: personal contest

Leicester field their five England backs and their two Under-23 wings at Welford Road against Gloucester, who have opted for Orwin and Fidler at lock to the exclusion of Boyle. It is at forward that Leicester have three absentees, but their ability behind the scrum should carry them through. The same is true of Bath, against Scottish, with the home side lacking Cunningham, their hooker, and Spurrell, their captain.

Cunningham will be at Melrose, leading Scotland against Ireland in the B fixture. The Irish include Mullin, the Trinity College centre, who has already impressed some knowledgeable critics, but his side may lack the all-round experience of the Scots, who have picked an Anglo-Scottish front row in Sole, of Exeter University, Cunningham, and Fraser (London Scottish).

Newport face a challenging match with Bristol without four of their players, required against France by Wales in the other B international. Watkins, their hooker, is the captain in a fixture which Wales have yet to win in France. The Welsh selectors could do with some good news just now but they may not get it from Bourg-en-Bresse, though they will hope for good things from Douglas, the Llanelli scrum half, and Roberts, the Swansea flanker.

Echoes of the past in Romanian challenge

From Chris Thau Toulouse

Tomorrow's game between France and Romania holds a special significance as it takes place a fortnight after the Welsh debacle in Bucharest and France's win against Australia in the second international.

Ever since 1924 – the year of Romania's first international appearance, when France crushed them 59–3 at the Paris Olympics – the Romanians have enjoyed the status of a favoured nation in their relationship with their former teachers. The French have always sent out their best side against Romania, while the other FIRA countries had to accept being entertained by France's second team.

The first sign of what was to become a strong challenge to the established order of the rugby world came in 1960 when the unbeaten French championship side, with Vannier, Guy Boniface, Crauste, Albaladejo and Celaya, were forced to acknowledge defeat at the hands of Viorel Moraru's Romanians. It was the beginning of a four-year period, regarded as the golden era of Romanian rugby, when the Romanians managed to stay unbeaten. During the last decade Romania have won four times against France, but have not yet managed to win in France.

The Romanians have made one change from the side who defeated Wales. Varzaru, of Steaua, who is regarded as more reliable in defence, replaces his clubmate, Fuicu, on the wing. The French keep the team who defeated Australia in Paris.

Both packs feature four big men, and given the excellent form of Dumitru and Caragea, the French might decide to avoid Condom and Lorieux and to use, instead, long throws to Joinel and Erbani. Whether the experience of Joinel will prove too much for the young Romanian No 8, Constantin, remains to be seen.

However, the contest between Radulescu and Erbani, on the one hand, and Murariu and Rives, on the other, at the tail of the lineout could offer some of the highlights of what is going to be a tough and uncompromising forward battle. In this respect the Romanian tight-head, Pascu, will probably have a hard time against Cremaschi; but the young Romanian must have learned a thing or two from Staff Jones in Bucharest.

Lescarboura was heavily criticized after the second international for his erratic kicking, but the French coach, Fouroux, expressed complete confidence in the stand-off half from Dax. He will probably try to launch his threequarters earlier on the revert to tactical kicking only if forced by circumstances. The poor form of Romania's full-back, Ion, against Wales might tempt Lescarboura to test him with a few high kicks early in the game.

Gallion, who has reemerged at top level after a three-year gap, has been given the responsibility of leading the pack, together with Rives, which in itself is unusual. Gallion has already been tipped as Rives's likeliest successor as captain of France. Of course, much of Gallion's success will depend on a hard little man who is going to haunt the brilliant French scrum half all over the field, Romania's scrum half and captain, Paraschiv.

FRANCE: S Gabernet; P Lagisquet, D Cordoniou, P Sella, P Estevo; J Lescarboura, J Gallion; J P Garuet, P Dintrans, M Cremaschi, D Erbani, J Condom, A Lorieux, J-P Rives (captain), J-L Joinel.

ROMANIA: V Ion; M Aldea, A Lungu, M Marghescu, G Varzaru; D Alexandru, M Paraschiv (captain); I Bucan, M Munteanu, V Pascu, F Murariu, G Dumitru, G Caragea, A Radulescu, S Constantin.

Referee: R Quittenton (England).

All-Black shadow falls on cup

By David Hands

The New Zealanders may have departed but they have left behind a substantial shadow. Deans, their full back, has taken up temporary residence with Grenoble while, nearer home, today's second round of the John Player Cup brings together two clubs with a nap hand, Morley and West Hartlepool.

West Hartlepool came near to seriously inconveniencing Bristol in the quarter-final of the competition last season. Then they had three New Zealanders in their ranks, now they have two – Waterson, a scrum half who has played for Auckland and Counties, and Sigley, a second five-eighth from Auckland.

They entertain a Morley side possessing, at No 8, Frazer Mexted (brother of Murray) at lock, Verhoeven, and Woollett, a centre, all of whom come from Wellington. These two clubs met earlier in the season, when West won 27-3 and it will be a surprise if they do not win the place in Monday's third-round draw.

With admirable optimism, Worthing state in their press handout that "when" they win their game with Old Redcliffians from Bristol, they "will be the first Sussex side ever to proceed into the third round of the John Player Cup.

There were five Worthing representatives in the Sussex team which beat the Canadians 16-9 in October, including the halves, Coackley and Clarke. They may find it difficult, however, to win much decent ball

Nottingham who under the guise of Notts, Lincs and Derbys earned the counties promotion to the first division of the county championship, play the team from down the road, Newark.

EQUESTRIANISM

A winter hoard for Skelton

From Jenny MacArthur
Bordeaux

Nick Skelton continued his victorious winter season by winning the opening speed class at the Bordeaux international show yesterday riding the French-bred Everest Fantaisiste.

Skelton's round underlined the professionalism of the Warwickshire rider. Yesterday was the first time he had sat on the horse for 18 months – Ted Edgar, Skelton's employer, sold the nine-year old Everest Fantaisiste last year but the horse returned to his yard a fortnight ago when his new owner, Mr Alf Bowman, from Essex, asked if the Edgars would like to take him to some shows this winter to leave him free to concentrate on his novice horses.

Never looking as if he was in a hurry Skelton achieved a fluent clear round in 49.35 sec clipping more than a second off the time of the French champion Michel Robert on Grand Coeur, who finished in second place. Switzerland's Willi Melliger, a member of the team which won the European championships in July put up a bold challenge on the aptly named The Crack and took third place.

Skelton, who is 26 this month, has had an exceptional start to the winter season. Last month he won the Toronto World Cup Qualifier on St. James and the New York Grand Prix on Everest Arabeske. He rejoined the European circuit last week at the Brussels show where he won three classes. His win yesterday echoed last years' Bordeaux show when he also chalked up a victory on the opening day.

The other British riders failed to feature in yesterday's class. Malcolm Pyrah achieved a careful but slow clear round on Towerlands Fire Fox. John Whitaker looked as if he would make the first three with his second ride on San Salvador but his hopes were dashed when he knocked down the second part of the penultimate fence, a double.

Whitaker's younger brother, Michael had one time fault on his first horse, Overton Amanda, and four faults on his second ride, the usually reliable mare, Courway. Harvey Smith, David Broome and Liz Edgar only arrived at Bordeaux towards the end of the class.

Coupe du Syndicat D'Initiative: 1, Everest Fantaisiste (N Skelton) 0 in 49.35s; 2, Grand Coeur (M Robert, France) 0 in 50.60s; 3, The Crack (W Melliger, Switzerland) 0 in 51.36s.

Ferrasse optimistic

Paris (AFP) – Albert Ferrasse, president of the French Rugby Union said he is still optimistic about the chance of taking a team to South Africa in 1986, after meeting president Mitterrand, here yesterday. "It is still a long way off. International events could help us or hinder us," Ferrasse, said

SKIING

Wenzel back to form in World Cup slalom

Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia (Reuter)–Andreas Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, yesterday won a special slalom, the opening men's race of the Alpine World Cup season.

Wenzel, who led after the first leg, which had 64 gates and a drop of 175 metres, in 48.04sec, covered the second leg, with 62 gates, in 51.51sec for a combined unofficial time of 1min 39.55sec. Petar Popangelov, of Bulgaria, finished second in 1:40.30 and Paul Frommelt, of Liechtenstein, third in 1:40.49.

Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, three times winner of the World Cup and the slalom and giant slalom gold medal winner at the 1980 Winter Olympics, was well placed for one of this renowned second leg charges after trailing Wenzel by 17 hundredths of a second on the first run. But he overstretched himself on the lower part of the course and fell.

Stig Strand completed a bad day for the Swedes when he was disqualified for missing a gate after he had covered the course in what would have been the second bet time overall

Frommelt had the fastest time, 50.9sec, for the second leg, but having trailed by more than a second on the first run he left himself with too much to do. The defending champion, Phil Mahre, of the United States, had to be content with ninth place.

Wenzel, whose last successful season was in 1980, when he won said he had been training with the Seiss team during the summer and felt in good form. "I made a few mistakes on the second leg and almost had to throw my goggles away, but luckily everything went all right. If Stenmark had finished the course without getting into any bigger difficulties, be might have beaten me."

RESULTS: 1, A Wenzel (Liech), 1min 39.55sec; 2, P Popangelov (Bul), 1:40.30; 3, P Frommelt (Liech), 1:40.49; 4, B Fjaellberg (Swe), 1:40.72; 5, F Gruber (Aus), 1:40.80; 6, J Nilsson (Swe), 1:40.82; 7, A Steiner (Aus), 1:41.00; 8, C Orlainsky (Aus), 1:41.03; 9, P Mahre (US), 1:41.05; 10, I Edalini (It), 1:41.30; 11, R Grigis (It), 1:41.82; 12, D Bouvet (Fr), 1:42.08; 13, H Strolz (Aus), 1:42.12; 14, J Franko (Yug), Soerli (Swe), 1:42.84.

OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, Wenzel, 25pts; 2, Popangelov, 20; 3, Frommelt, 15; 4, Fjaellberg, 12; 5, Gruber, 11; 6, Nilsson, 10; 7, Steiner, 9; 8, Orlainsky, 8; 9, P Mahre, 7; 10, Edalini, 6; 11, Grigis, 5; 12, Bouvet, 4; 13, Strolz, 3; equal 14, Franko and Soerli, 2.

Olympic medal

Lausanne (AFP) – Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, is to receive the United States Academy of Sport's distinguished service award for "services to international sport".

SWIMMING

Australian pair may lose medals

Brisbane (Reuter) – The Australian Swimming Union (ASU) will meet in Melbourne on December 28 to decide whether Tracey Wickham and Mark Morgan breached their amateur status by accepting a $6,000 grant after boycotting the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Miss Wickham, 21, a world record holder over 400 and 800 metres freestyle, retired after winning a gold medal in the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

She said "If Australian Swimming Union officials want to get back my medal, they'll have to become graverobbers. When my grandfather died in November last year, I put my 800 metres freestyle gold medal around his neck in the coffin just before he was buried."

Morgan, who is still competing, could miss the 1984 Los Angeles Olypics if the ASU decides he was guilty of a breach of the rules. He was one of a number of athletes who accepted the grant

RUGBY LEAGUE

French seek first win over British Under 24s

By Keith Macklin

Great Britain's Under-24 team will be defending a remarkable record at Oldham tomorrow when they meet France Under-24. This will be the thirteenth match at this level between the countries since under-24 games were reintroduced in 1976, and Britain have won all 12.

The Great Britain coach, Frank Myler will be anxious for more than one reason to maintain Britain's fine record. He is using the international matches against France this season as springboards for the vital tour to Australasia next summer, and is pinning great faith in his younger players to take over from the older internationals who failed against Australia in 1978, 1979, and last winter.

Further international interest will be centred around the Belle Vue ground at Wakefield, where an outstanding Australian half back partnership will be on view, but on opposing sides. Wakefield Trinity have signed, on a short term contract, Wally Lewis, the Australian half back partnership will be on view, but on opposing sided. Wakefield Trinity have signed, on a short term contract, Wally Lewis, the Australian stand-off half, and captain. Opposing him, will be Peter Sterling, the Australian scrum half, who has been signed on a similar contract by Hull.

With Hull bringing their usual army of supporters, and considerable interest being created by the appearance of both players Wakefield are expecting their best attendance for a league game since 1973-74. The existing highest attendance for 20 years.

Elsewhere in the championship programme, Fulham, who are doing reasonably well at home, despite their abysmal away record, entertain one of the most attractive sides in the first division in Castleford. The Yorkshiremen, are brilliant in attack, but vulnerable in defence, and this should be an entertaining game, giving every prospect of another Fulham victory.

The championship leaders, Widnes, who are without their free scoring winger, Basnett, and are still trying to placate their international scrum half, Gregory are at Featherstone, where Rovers are a much tougher proposition than their low league position indicates.

In the second division, the leaders, Barrow, should not have too much difficulty accounting for Keighley, and Hunslett should have the edge over a spirited Blackpool

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Raiders 42, San Diego Chargers 10.

BADMINTON

CALCUTTA: Asian confederation championships: Men's team quarter finals: Indonesia (holders) bt Brunei, 5-0; India bt South Korea, 3-2; China bt Malaysia, 3-2; Japan bt Pakistan, 4-1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: New York Knicks 127, Washington Bullets 93; Golden State Warriors 106, Kansas City Kings 95.

CRICKET

SIDNEY: Sheffield Shield: New South Wales 141; Queensland 117 for 1 (K Wessels 75 not out).

ADELAIDE: Sheffield Shield: South Australia 234 for 7 (J Inverarity 69, D Hookes 57) v Western Australia.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race: Leading standings: 1, H Schutz/H Rinklin (WG), 103 pts; 2, U Freuler/L Gaiger (Switz), 80; 3, D Thurau/A Fritz (WG), 17. Other placing: 5, G Wiggins/A Doyle (Aus/GB), 37, one lap behind.

TABLE TENNIS

GOTHENBURG: Scandinavian open championship: Men's team, quarter-final round: China bt Yugoslavia 3-0; Hungary by Poland 3-0; France bt England 3-2; Czechoslovakia bt Sweden I 3-2. Women, second round: China bt Italy 3-0; France bt Israel 3-0; Czechoslovakia bt Sweden I 3-1; Hungary bt Soviet Union 3-2; South Korea bt Yugoslavia 3-0; England bt Netherlands 3-1; Finland bt Sweden II 3-0; Japan by West Germany 3-1. Quarter-final round: China bt France 3-0; Czechoslovakia bt Hungary 3-0; South Korea bt England 3-1; Japan bt Finland 3-1. Women's singles: First round: K Witt (GB) bt P Eliasson (Sw) 21-15, 24-22, 18-21, 21-6; Dai Lili (China) bt J Grundy (GB) 21-8, 21-12, 21-13.

TENPIN BOWLING

WORLD BOWLING: Men's quarter-finals (second series): 1 M Jasmeu (US), 3,460; 2, R Conde (Guat), 3,233; 3, E Garder (Nor), 3,221; 4, You Tien Huang (Tai), 3,209; 5, P Groenmark (Fin) 3,208; 6, M Odio (Costa Rica), 3,181; 7 E Maddaloni (It), 3,158; 8, M Church (Mal), 3,160. Women's quarter-finals: 1, P Kiapongsithya (Thai), 3,344; 2, J Baker (Aus), 3,285; 3, M Carmen (Mex), 3,257; 4, I Gronert (Neth), 3,180; 5, A Wee (Sing), 3,120; 6, A Gardena (Phil), 3,083; 7 A Lappasise (Fin), 3,064; 8, G Lina (WG), 3,061.

SQUASH RACKETS

Kenyon sees a chink in Jahangir's armour

From Richard Eaton, Munich

Phil Kenyon achieved a personal victory of a kind in defeat against Jahangir Khan in the quarter final round of the world open championships, sponsored by Canadian Club, yesterday.

Kenyon, aged 27, the England No. 3 kept the world champion on court for 57 minutes before losing 9-6, 9-0, 9-6. Kenyon's performance was good enough to suggest that, although the Pakistani has not been beaten for 31 months, it is not absurd for persistent and dedicated opponents to regard victory as a possibility against him.

Indeed, had not the second game been allowed to slip away so quickly when Jahangir hit a hot streak early on, the champion might have been stretched a good deal further, because the splendidly conditioned Kenyon was still extremely fresh at the end.

The 1982 British closed champion also started superbly. He went to 4-1 while the ball was still cool with a series of superb backhand skills. He was also unlucky not to win the rally that would have given him a 5-1 lead.

At 6-6, Jahangir hit a perfect forehand drop shot that rolled along the floor out of the nick, and for a few important moments he went on the rampage. By the time Kenyon got back on terms, again in the third game, it was too late to achieve anything other than self respect and an inkling of how, one day, the champion might possibly be beaten by a determined opponent.

MOTOR RACING

FISA warning over rival series

Paris (AP) – The international motor racing federation (FISA) called yesterday on their 60 member nations to take strong steps to prevent the United States cart racing series becoming an international programme to rival the Grand Prix world championship.

FISA has sent a letter to all national racing authorities recalling that Cart was not affiliated to the FISA-recognized Automobile Competitions Club of the US (ACCUS)

"The situation worsened in the past few days because Cart has made proposals to different countries to transform what was only a national championship into a new world championship, in total violation of the international sporting code established by FISA." The letter warned that anyone taking part in a championship rivaling a FISA series would be banned from all international or national events sanctioned by FISA.

CURLING

Scotland confident

By Iain Mackenzie

The European curling championships start in Vasteras, Sweden, tomorrow with Scotland, the holders, favourites to retain the trophy in the men's event. Scotland will be represented by the Perth rink of Mike Hay (skip), David Hay, David Smith and Russell Keiller.

The Perth team won the championship in Kirkcaldy, Fife, at this time last year. Despite this, under the rules of the competition, they had to qualify against five other Scottish rinks last month.

The main opposition will almost certainly come from Switzerland, who won at Grindelwald in 1981, and on two previous occasions since the event began in 1975. The Swedes, too, will provide considerable opposition. They are proud that with 28 teams these are the biggest curling championships ever staged and would like to be out in front at the end of next week.

England and Wales are represented at Vasteras, but while standards are improving in both countries, neither expects to finish more than about half way up the final table. Last year England were ninth out of 14 teams in the men's section and Wales twelfth.

Correction

The Croxley Script Champion of Champions bowls tournament will be held on September 1 and 2 next year, not September 8 and 9 as stated yesterday.

IN BRIEF

Coetzee in title defence

Johannesburg, (AFP) – Gerrie Coetzee, of South Africa, World Boxing Association heavyweight champion, expects to defend his title here either in March or in April, South African Radio has reported.

His opponent will probably be the winner of the elimination bout between Alfredo Evangelista, from Spain, and Renaldo Snipes, of the United States. Coetzee made the announcement after his arrival from Las Vegas where he watched the Larry Holmes-Marvis Frazier fight.

● Rome, (AFP) – Walter Giorgetti, of Italy, the European bantamweight champion, will defend his title against John Feeney, of Britain, in Campobasso, central Italy, on December 28, it was announced here yesterday.

BOWLS: Gold Coast, Australia (AP) – Australia staged a remarkable fightback to win the first lawn bowls Test against England 3-2 at the Tweed Heads bowling club in northern New South Wales yesterday. Victories in the two pairs matches carried australia ahead on England who held a 2-1 lead overnight in the first round of the two-Test series.

ATHLETICS: Wendy Sly leads a British team in the San Diego 10 kilometres road race championships tomorrow. Fifth in the world championships 1,500 metres, Sly is joined by Ruth Smeeth, Debbie Peel and Yvonne Murray. Gales Helme goes to Japan on the same day to run in the Fukojama Marathon.

RACING: LEADING THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLERS IN OPPOSITION AT SANDOWN PARK

Bright Oassis to end drought over right trip

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Bright Oassis can give Kim Bailey, his young trainer, the biggest success of his training career at Sandown Park today by winning the valuable Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle. At Newbury eight days ago Bright Oassis loked all over the winner of another handicap when he took up the running halfway up the straight. In the end two and half miles proved beyond him and he could barely raise a gallop in the last furlong.

Afterwards Bailey told me that he would saddle Bright Oassis again today if he came out of that race well and that he was convinced that the combination of blinkers and Sandown's stiff two miles could easily be the answer. Bright Oassis wore blinkers two years ago when he enjyed such a good season winning at Liverpool, Devon, Wincanton and Hereford and Bailey is adamant that this equipment is a key to success. He did not put them on Bright Oassis at Cheltenham last month when the horse finished just behind Boardman's Crown and regrets not doing so. Now that he is in the form that made him so effecitve two seasons ago, Bright Oassis should be hard to beat carrying only 10st 1lb.

With the withdrawal of the first four in the list of four-day acceptors, the weights have gone up 12lb leaving Secret Ballot to carry top weight. That means that my selection creeps into today's handicap on his correct mark near the foot. As a result he will be meeting most of his rivals on much better terms than he would have done had the weights not gone up.

With three races under his belt already this season, Bright Oassis should be fitter than Secret Ballot, Alastor O Mavros and Patrick's Fair neither of whom have run this season. Donegal Prince has a fine record hurdling, but I cannot help thinking that the ground is not nearly soft enough for this out-and-out stayer.

Questions will be asked if Great Light wins a race of this nature so soon after being pulled up at Newbury just last Saturday. Nevertheless that has not stopped people from backing him heavily ante-post. It is only right to point out that Great Light won the competitive L'Oreal Hurdle at Newbury last January, so he has definitely to be respected on his day.

Cardinal Flower and Numerate, the two raiders from the north, finished first and second at Ayr in October and they have been handicapped strictly on their performances then. Boardmans Crown and my selection have also been assessed according to how they ran at Cheltenham last month. Now I am banking on blinkers enabling Bright Oassis to reverse the placings.

With Statesmanship, Absaroke, Paris North and Princess Henham all standing their ground, the Mecca Bookmakers Three-Year-Old Championship has lived up to its billing. Well though Statemanship and Paris North won their last races at Ascot and Newbury, I liked the way that Absaroke hurdled at Kempton and he is preferred in this instance.

Desert Hero, the winner of the Imperial Cup at Sandown in the spring, might have made a successful transition from hurdling to steeplechasing had he not misjudged the second last fence at Warwick last month and paid for it. He has a chance to atone in the Henry VIII Novices Steeplechase, but with David Nicholson's young jumpers in almost invincible form, it could pay to go for Captain Dynamo instead.

At Sandown yesterday Nicholson and his jockey, Peter Scudamore, continued their triumphant march when Broadheath won the Courage Cup carrying the colours of Michael Marsh, whose greatest moment in racing came when Larbawn won the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown in successive years. In Gambir, who was successful at Warwick on Thursday and yesterday's winner Mr Marsh now has two nice young jumpers to keep him amused during the winter months when he is not shooting.

Duke of Milan and Membridge, the two who followed Voice of Progress home, albeit at a distance at Newbury last Saturday, had the finish of the Crwngap Novices Steeplechase to themselves once West Tip had fallen. "As I think that my horse is good, Voice of Progress must be very good indeed. I was amazed at the ease with which he beat us last Saturday", Nick Casclee's said. Later in the afternoon Caselee and his jockey, Steve Smith/Eccles, landed a double when The Catchpool won the Haig Whisky Novices Hurdle qualifier.

Desert Orchid tried to lead from start to finish in the December Novices Hurdle as is his wont. But doing that over two miles is one thing, over two miles and five furlongs around a course as stiff as Sandown is another matter and as his stamina gave out, he was caught and passed in the last 50 yards by Catch Phrase..

I will want to be on Desert Orchid again when he reverts to two miles, because he is so quick and such a good jumper. Catch Phrase looks every inch a steeplechase in the making.

Cook loses job

Paul Cook will not be riding for Harry Thomson Jones, the Newmarket trainer next season. Thomson Jones said at Newmarket yesterday: "Paul and I are parting company by mutual consent. Our three year association has been a happy and successful one. "We part on excellent terms, and I wish Paul the best of luck in the future." Thomson Jones has made no arrangements yet for a replacement stable jockey.



Catch Phrase leads the pursuing group behind Desert Orchid, who is out of the picture. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Silver Buck looks good as gold

By Michael Seely

Silver Buck and Robert Earnshaw, the joint heroes of the 1982 Cheltenham Gold Cup should prove they are as formidable a partnership as ever by beating Observe in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow this afternoon. Because of the last-minute withdrawals of Wollow Will and Ro's Owen from Sandown, John Francome now takes over from Ben de Haan on Observe.

As the largest prize-money earner in the history of steeplechasing Silver Buck rather fell from grace last season. At no time did he show that ability to quicken at the end of a fast-run race which won him two King George VI Chases as well as a Gold Cup. He could finish only third behind Wayward Lad and Fifty Dollars More at Kempton last Boxing Day, and was only the fourth of Michael Dickinson's famous first five home behind Bregawn at Cheltenham in March.

However, stable opinion is adamant that Silver Buck has recovered from the various ailments which plagued him. It is also thought that his recent victories over modest opposition at Folkestone and Market Rasen have awoken the 11-year-old from his natural indolence.

Observe could well be the joker in Fred Winter's pack of top-class chasers as the seven-times champion trainer attempts to regain his crown from Dickinson. This improving young horse went from strength to strength last season when his five victories from seven starts included a defeat of Wayward Lad in the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup at Cheltenham and a win over Combs Ditch in the Colt Car Diamond Chase on the same course in January.

Winter has shown his customary patience in refusing to run Andrew Gretton's seven-year-old in the Gold Cup. However, although Observe's stamina and courage are sure to win him good races later in the season, it is unreasonable to expect him to give 4lb to a razor-sharp Silver Buck at this stage of the campaign.

David Gandolfo has a habit of making his presence felt at Chepstow. Five of his seven runners on the Monmouthshire course this season have been winners and Upham Kelly will be attempting to give the Berkshire trainer his third victory in the Philip Cornes Novices Hurdle qualifier in the past four years. Upham Kelly showed plenty of fight and stamina when foiling the odds of 3-1 laid on Free Choice at Taunton and obviously has a good chance of beating John Thorne's promising five-year-old, Artic Beau.

Gandolfo can go on to complete a double by capturing the first running of the Prince of Wales's Chase with Saffron's Daughter. Although Giles Clarke's five-year-old lacked the experience to make her presence felt against Samorsumthing at Yyr, Saffron's Daughter should now be capable of fulfilling the promise she showed at Towcester and Hereford last season.

Dickinson can also win the day's main race at Newcastle, the Dipper Novices Chase with Lettoch. This is a totally admirable young horse, whose bold jumping and zest for racing gave him no less than seven wins over hurdles last season. Lettock showed an abundance of these qualities when beating the talented Forgive 'N Forget at Stratford in November and again when outclassing Warner For Leisure in an Embassy Premier Qualifier at Ayr more recently. Lettoch must be a confident selection to beat Gordon Richards's rising young star, Noddy's Ryde.

The Ladbroke Trophy, the other feature at Newcastle, looks a tricky affair. Ken Oliver's 1982 William Hill Scottish Grand National winner, Cockle Strand, was having his first outing for over a year when proving too strong for Hallo Dandy at Kelso. Peaty Sandy, Helen Hamilton's dour stayer will be attempting to win this race for the third time. Realt Na Nona, Kudos and Rosewell Riever are other useful staying chasers. Cockle Strand can once again show his relish for the prevailing fast going and win.

● John O'Neill has been named Amoco jockey of the month for November for riding 50 winners by November 11. This beat the previous fastest 50, also by O'Neill, six years ago when he rode his fiftieth winner on December 5. O'Neill was commended by the panel for his "amazing finishes" on Dawn Run as Ascot and Little Bay at Ayr. The panel of 25 racing journalists also made special mention of the fact that many of O'Neill's winners were for small stables.

GOLF

String of birdies helps Ballesteros to go ahead

Sun City Bophuthatswana (AP)– Severiano Ballesteros collected his fifth birdie on the par-four 17th hole yesterday to go one stroke ahead of Nick Faldo and take the lead on the second day of the Million Dollar Challenge. Ballesteros, the US Masters champion, finished the round with a five-under-par 67, putting him at eight under after 36 holes with a total of 136.

Faldo had a one over par at the sixth hole but birded the second, seventh, eighth and ninth. He finished with seven birdies for round of 67 and is seven under with a 137 going into today's third round.

The first-day leader, David Graham, of Australia, faltered twice on the front nine but birdied three holes coming in for a one-under-par 71, standing six under with 138 at the halfway mark. The Challenge is one of golf's richest tournaments. The winner in the field of 10 players will win $300,000 and there will be a prize of $50,000 for the person who finishes last. Lee Trevino and Larry Nelson were four under for the tournament at 140. Trevino finished yesterday round with a 68, and Nelson had a 71.

SECOND ROUND: 136: S Ballesteros (Sp) 69, 67. 137: N Faldo (GB) 70, 67. 138: D Graham (Aust) 67, 71. 140: L Trevino (US) 72, 68; L Nelson (US) 69, 71. 141: R Floyd (US) 71, 70. 143: C Stadler (US) 74, 69. 144: J Miller (US) 74, 70. 145: N Price (SA) 77, 68. 147: F Zoeller (US) 75, 72.

● Bobby Clampett, of the United States, had a second round six-under-par 64 to take a one-stroke lead in the $100,000 Auckland Open championship at Titirangi yesterday. Clampett dropped only one stroke all day – on the 17th – to take the lead with a nine-under par 131 total, ahead of the joint overnight leader, Graham Marsh of Australia, who slipped to second after returning a 67.

SECOND ROUND: 131: R Clampett (US) 67, 64. 132: G Marsh (Aust) 65, 67. 134: B Devlin (Aust) 67, 67. 135: J Godwin (US) 66, 69; A Russell (US) 65, 70. 136: S Owen 70, 66. British scores: 140: M Bembridge, 67, 73; S Torrance, 67, 73.

● Arnold Palmer, still looking for his first tour victory this season, had a seven-under-par 65 to gain a three-stroke lead after the first round of the $150,000 Boca Grove Professional Association senior classic in Florida. Seven players – Miller Barber, Doug Sanders, Gardner Dickinson, Don January, Mike Fetchick, Billy Casper and Charles Sifford – were joint second on 68.

FIRST ROUND: 65: A Palmer. 68: M Barber; G Dickinson; D January; M Fetchick; W Casper; C Sifford.

● Mike Harris, secretary of the Professional Golfers' Association west region since 1977, has resigned to set up his own sports consultancy and to promote the new snooker league. The PGA will be advertising for a successor.

TENNIS

Success on a plate for Miss Navratilova

Melbourne (Reuter) – Martina Navratilova began her pursuit of the third leg of the grand slam with an emphatic 6-0, 7-5, win over a fellow-American, Heather Ludloff, in the first round of the Australian Open yesterday. But the Wimbledon and US Open championship, who needs the Australian and French titles to complete her first grand slam, scoffed at suggestions that, because three leading American players had opted to miss the tournament, her name might just as well be engraved on the trophy now.

"People say that with Chris, Andrea and Tracy not here, it's like they are giving me the trophy" Miss Navratilova said. "But that's not the way it is. The toughest players for me are the ones who serve and volley, so I still have my opposition cut out here.".

Miss Ludloff stumbled nervously through the first set on centre court but surprised Miss Navratilova with her fight back in the second set. "I could have played better and she was a little jittery in the first set", the women's top seed said.

Two British players, Jo Durie and Anne Hobbs, reached the second round. Miss Durie beat Sherry Acker, of United States 6-3, 7-6, and Miss Hobbs defeated Bernadette Randall, of Australia, 7-3, 3-6, 6-3. Another British woman, Amanda Brown was beaten 6-1, 7-6, by Alycia Moulton, of United States.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt G Whitecross (Aus) 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; W Maher (Aus) beat David Dowlen (US) 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 1-6, 6-3; Tom Gullikson (US) bt B G Holmes (US) 6-7, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; F Buehning (US) bt D Macpherson (Aus) 3-6, 6-1, 6-0, 1-6, 12-10; J Borowiak (US) bt P Feigl (Austria) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; Tim Gullikson (US) bt E Korita (US) 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; J Lloyd (GB) bt E O Oncins (Bra) 6-0, 6-3, 6-3; C Johnstone (Aus) bt M Depalmer (US) 4-6, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6, 13-11; W Masur (Aus) bt E Sherbeck (US) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2; M Kratzmann (Aus) bt V Amritraj (India) 7-6, 6-2, 6-3; P Dupre (US) bt B Gilbert (US) 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 9-7; S Youl (Aus) bt J Lapidus (US) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; A Andrews (US) bt M Mitchell (US) 6-4, 6-4, 7-6; D Gitlin (US) bt T Benhabiles (Fr) 4-6, 6-0, 7-6, 6-2; P Cash (Aus) bt W Hampson (Aust) 7-5, 6-3, 6-3; S Giammalva (US) bt D Mustard (NZ) 6-2, 7-6, 2-6, 6-3; J Alexander (Aus) bt L Bourne (US) 5-7, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; J Gurfein (US) and H Van Boeckel (Neth) 7-6, 7-6, 2-6, 4-6 unfinished.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: S Hanika (WG) bt B Norton (US), 6–1, 6–3; J Durie (GB) bt S Acker (US), 6–3, 7–6; A Moulton (US) bt A Brown (GB), 6–1, 7–6; A White (US) bt S Amiach (Fr), 6–3, 6–4; J Mundel (US) bt K Rinaldi (US), 2–6, 6–4, 6–3; C Suire (Fr) bt Robin White (US), 6–7, 6–3, 6–3; E Sayers (Aus) bt S Graf (WG), 6–1 retired; G Fernandez (Puerto Rico) bt P Smith (US), 6–7, 6–3, 6–2; C Benjamin (US) bt L Antonoplis (US), 3–6, 6–4, 6–1; P Shriver (US) bt A–M Fernandez (US), 6–1, 6–1; B Nagelsen (US) bt I Budarova (Cz), 6–4, 6–4; K Jordan (US) bt L Drescher (Swtz), 6–1, 6–2; C Bassett (Can) bt A Kiyomura (US), 6–4, 6–3; H Sukova (Cz) bt K Shaefer (US), 6–4, 6–1; A Minter (Aus) bt E Inoue (Japan), 6–3, 4–6, 6–2; C Vanier (Fr) bt Shelley Solomon (US), 6–0, 6–2; M Navratilova (US) bt Heather Ludloff (US), 6–0, 7–5; W Turnbull (Aus) bt M Skuherska (Cz), 6–1, 6–2; B Potter (US) bt R Reggi (It), 6–0, 6–4; L W King (US) bt L Bornstein (US), 6–2, 6–2; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt B Jordan (US), 6–2, 6–0; E Pfaff (WG) bt C Monteiro (Br), 6––, 6–3; S Walsh (US) bt A Dingwall (Aus), 6–3, 6–3; A Hobbs (US) bt B Randall (Aus), 7–6, 3–6, 6–3; R Fairbank (SA) bt M Mesker (Neth), 7–5, 6–2; P Paradis (Fr) bt P Whytcross (Aus), 6–3, 6–2.

Unruffled Miss Daniels

By a Special Correspondent

Carol Daniels, an American who was asked to qualify for the first of the LTA's satellite tournaments a month ago, yesterday won £800 and a place in the 1984 Tournament of Champions, when she defeated Judith Warringa, of the Netherlands, 7-5, 6-4 in the final of the women's Masters at Telford.

The West Virginian, who recently gave up her post as a teacher of physical education to play full time tennis for two years, collected half a point for the world computer but, with this being her first official tournament, she will have to play five further counting events before her name appears on the rankings list.

The two shots which have enabled Miss Daniels to make so big an impact so soon are her serve and volley. It was when she first went to Pennsylvania State University that the tennis coach decided she was tall enough and strong enough to develop a serve-volley game. For four years she worked on nothing else, and now she looks a class player in this area.

Her ground shots are nowhere near as strong, with nothing more patchy than her return of service. However, while the number of errors she makes would drive many another player wild, she refused to get ruffled. "It helps, maybe, that I am 24," she explained gently.

Miss Warringa, who has had her fiery spells over the past month, was oddly subuded yesterday. The No. 1 seed unleashed a few of her unanswerable heavy top-spin forehands but, for the most part, she simply could not get her shots to flow.

With this women's satellit circuit having been such a success, the LTA yesterday announced a five-week men's tour, to start on January 30. The final event will carry computer points and prize money over the tour will total nearly £22,000.

CRICKET

W Indians score quick runs on docile pitch

Durban, (Reuter) – A West Indian XI scored 397 all out in their first innings on the first day of their three-day match against Natal. Feasting on the modest Natal attack, the West Indians, who won the toss, scored at four runs an over on the most docile of pitches.

The opener Faoud Bacchus led the charge with a disciplined 88 off 158 balls before being caught behind off the first ball of Mike Clare's third spell. The most exciting innings came from Kallicharran, who made 55 off 82 balls. His innings included eight fours and two sixes. Bacchus put on 82 in 67 minutes with Greenidge for the first wicket, 52 in three-quarters of an hour for the second wicket with Lynch and 90 in 84 minutes with Kallicharran for the third.

SCORES: West Indian XI, first innings, 397 (F Bacchus 88, C L King 67, A Kallicharran 55; M Clare 4 for 65).



Bacchus: disciplined innings

● Atholl McKinnon, the South African Test player who was helping to organize the current West Indies tour, died in Durban on Thursday night. McKinnon, aged 51, a wily left-arm spin bowler, played in eight Test matches. He toured England in 1960 and 1965 and at home played against New Zealand in 1961-62, England in 1964-65 and Australia in 1966-67. In a first class career spanning 17 years, he took 470 wickets at 21.14 apiece.

Yallop wallops bowling

Melbourne, (Reuter) – Graham Yallop scored his fourth hundred in five innings, and the 27th of his career, as Victoria made a commanding start against the Pakistani cricketers.

At the close of the first day of the four-day match Victoria were 287 for three with Yallop, the left-handed batsman, 116 not out after 243 minutes at the crease. He hit 13 boundaries.

It was another unprofitable day for the Pakistanis, who have had a disappointing tour so far. Sarfraz Nawaz, the fast bowler who flew out to join the touring side on Wednesday, found it hard going on a placid pitch, finishing with one for 49 from 19 overs.

Abdul Qadir, spinner, who finished the day with two for 73 from 26 overs, was the best of the bowlers. To add to Pakistan's problems, Qasim Omar, one of their batsmen, was receiving treatment for a badly bruised left leg sustained when Yallop slammed an on-drive straight at him.

Gary Watts and Paul Hibbert, the openers, gave Victoria a solid start after Ray Bright won the toss, putting on 94 in 116 minutes. They were parted just before lunch when Qadir bowled Watts round his legs for 45.

Hibbert and Yallop shared a second-wicket stand of 116 in 152 minutes, the partnership ending at 210 when the left-handed Hibbert was caught by Moshin Khan at second slip attempting to cut a ball from Sarfraz.

The wicket of Dean Jones, Victoria's 22 year-old batting prospect, was Pakistan's only other success at 227. Jones made 11 before being clean bowled by Qadir.

VICTORIA: First innings

G Watts b Abdul Qadir	45
P Hibbert c Mohsin Khan b S. Nawaz	83
G Yallop not out	116
D Jones b Abdul Qadir	11
W Whiteside not out	15
Extras (lb 5lb 11nb)	17
Total ()	287

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–94, 2–210, 3–227.

BOWLING: Azeem Hafeez 17-0-71-0, Sarfraz 19-6-49-1, Wasim Raja 12-8-28-0, Rashid Khan 14-1-61-0, Abdul Qadir 26-2-73-2, Javed Miandad 3-3-1-0.

Sandown Park

Going: firm.

Tote: Double 2.0, 3.0. Treble 1.30, 2.30, 3.30

[Television (ITV) 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

1.0 HENRY VIII CHASE (novices: £3,064: 2m 18yd) (8 runners)

101	00P1-1B	CAPTAIN DYNAMO (H Plotnek) D Nicholson 7-11-2	P Scudamore
103	102203	JOHNNY TARQUIN (R Ledger) R Ledger 10-11-0	Mrs N Ledger
104	043213	BRAHMS AND LISZT (B) (J Parish) P Butler 7-10-10	G Newman
105	F100-00	BRAVE HUSSAR (H J Joel) J Gifford 5-10-10	R Rowe
106	31310-F	DESERT HERO (LD Fermoy) F Walwyn 9-10-10	Mr N Babbage
108	0203P-P	CHARLEY FISHER (B Babbage) Mrs M Babbage 8-10-10	K Mooney
110	20P/U4F	LE CHAMP TALOT (Miss R Williams) J Fox 7-10-10	C Brown
112	004P/	TUDOR GULF (L Bowman) L Bowman 8-10-10	P Nicholls

8-11 Captain Dynamo, 9-4 Desert Hero, 5 Brave Hussar, 16 Johnny Tarquin, 25 others.

1.30 TINGLE CREEK CHASE (handicap: £3,655: 2m 18yd) (5)

201	220420-	CLASSIFIED (G Rogers) N Henderson 7-11-10	S Smith Eccles
204	2F01-43	RO'S OWEN (Mrs J Cotton) F Winter 8-11-1	DOUBTFUL
206	U0-2134	RESTLESS SHOT (R Richmond-Watson) J Webber 8-10-7	G McCourt
207	P20-211	WALNUT WONDER (R Hickman) R Hickman 8-10-6	P Scudamore
210	6P048/0	CURRENT CHANCE (Mrs F Smith) F Smith 12-10-0	P Nicholls

4-6 Walnut Wonder, 7-2 Restless Shot, Classified, 25 Current Chance.

FORM: Classified (11-4) 9th btn over 15l, to King Or Country (rec 14lb), 12 ran, Liverpool, 2m 4f h'cap chase, soft, Apr 7. Restless Shot (11-2) 4th, btn 21l, to Iden Green (rec 16lb), 5 ran, Ascot, 2m h'cap chase, firm, Nov 18. Walnut Wonder (11-0) won by 8l from Cruise Missile (gave 9lb) with current chance (rec 18lb) btn 40l, 6 ran, Newbury, 2m 160 yd h'cap chase, good to firm, Nov 26.

SELECTION: Classified.

2.0 MECCA BOOKMAKERS HURDLE (Handicap: £10,736: 2m) (11).

[illegible]

2.30 MECCA THREE-YEAR OLD HURDLE (£6,018: 2m) (11).

[illegible]

3.0 EWELL CHASE (handicap: £2,986: 3m 5f 18yd) (4).

[illegible]

3.30 DOUG BARROTT HURDLE (handicap: £2,834: 2m 5f 75yd) (9).

617	1012-03	WHOLE SHEBANG (G Schjelderup) A Turnell 4-11-7	Steve Knight
621	02210-	BUCKBE (R Tory) D Elsworth 4-11-4	C Brown
626	44030-3	RIGTON BEAU (Miss C Coyne) G Kindersley 6-11-2	A Webber
627	10-0F03	NEAT (Mrs J Bainbridge) F Winter 5-11-1	
632	U1PPP0	FLASHY'S PAL (R Hickman) R Hickman 6-10-12	P Scudamore
636	U3-1232	ALFIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 5-10-10	J O'Neill
639	132100-	MERCY LESS (Sir G Glover) R Smyth 4-10-5	R Berry
640	01032-0	MISTER LUCKY (R Newland) D Jermy 6-10-5	R G Hughes
641	0110-00	MAURICE'S TIP (D Motts) J Jenkins 5-10-3	M Kinane

5-2 Neat, 7-2 Alfie Dickins, 4 Whole Shebang, 9-2 Rigton Beau, 8 Maurice's Tip, 10 Buckbe, 14 others.

Sandown selections

By Michael Phillips

1.0 Captain Dynamo, 1.30 Walnut Wonder, 2.0 Bright Oassis, 2.30 Absaroke, 3.0 Koga Way, 3.30 Whole Shebang.

Chepstow selections

By Michael Seely

1.0 Upham Kelly, 1.30 Water Rock, 2.0 Silver Buck, 2.30 Saffron's Daughter, 3.0 Kristen, 3.30 Vivaque.

Newcastle selections

By Michael Seely

12.45 Ash King, 1.15 Chetel, 1.45 Tartan Trader, 2.15 Lettoch, 2.45 Cockle Strand, 3.15 Aonoch.

● Buck House and Gallant Royal, involved in an exciting finish to the Gerry Fielden Hurdle at Newbury last Saturday, are among 53 entries for the £25,000 Sweeps Handicap Hurdle at Leopardstown on January 14. Last year's winner, Fredcoteri is also among the Irish-trained entries, as are Dawn Run and Boreen Prince. Entries from England include Amarach, Tima and The Foobroker.

Plastic rails for Epsom

Riding risks in next year's Derby will be reduced by the removal of concrete posts and installation of new plasic uprights and running rail from the top of the Epsom hill, round Tattenham Corner, to the beginning of the straight.

Tim Nelligan, United Racecourses' chairman, said yesterday: "All the concrete posts in that area have been removed, and we intend to install new plastic uprights and rails that are standard on Paris tracks and in Hongkong. They are now with the Jockey Club for official approval here.

"The first phase, costing £12,000 will be completed by the Epsom spring meeting. Over two or three years, plastic rails will replace existing ones round the entire course." Mr Nelligan revealed that aluminium rails had been tried at Epsom, but they had been stolen.

Ron Atkins, the jockeys safety officer, commented: "This will be a great improvement in preventing injuries. These rails and uprights are plastic, and everything collapses if they are hit. They've been used in France for 12 years."

Sandown results

Going: firm

1.00 CROWNGAP CHASE (novices: £3,121: 3m 118yds)

[illegible]

Sedgefield results

[illegible]

Chepstow

Going: good

[Television (BBC1) 1.0, 1.30 and 2.0 races]

1.0 PHILIP CORNES HURDLE (novices: £2,038: 2m 4f) (20 runners)

2	241f	GOOD AS EVER (D) [illegible]
9	p03/4-	BARTOVA G Jones 8-11 [illegible]
12	p-p	CHARLIE JOHN N Mitchell [illegible]
14	-0100	DEBT FOLLOWER (B) [illegible]
20	p/03-	HILLWILLIAM P Hedger [illegible]
21		HOW ABOUT THAT E W [illegible]
24		KINGS ITEM Mrs R Lom[illegible]
26	2402	MAJOR GAMBLE A Bar[illegible]
29	p/000	NORFOLK STORM L Ke[illegible]
30	0320/	PHARAOH'S OWN J Ba[illegible]
35	0	ROYAL VIEW V Bishop [illegible]
39	pp00-	WADSWICK LAD R Bar[illegible]
41	01	UPHAM KELLY D Gando[illegible]
42	0424-	ARCTIC GIPSY B Palling [illegible]
43	03-	MEGAN Dr A Jones 7-11 [illegible]
44	0310-	RUGBY EXCAVATION [illegible]
46	0/p00-	TIC-ON-ROSE Mrs B W[illegible]
51	p	CINGARUS Mrs S Cousi[illegible]
55	0p0	GALLOBAY M Lawrence [illegible]
61		KADELJAN D Burchell 4-[illegible]

5-2 Good As Ever, 4 Upham Kelly, [illegible] Major Gamble, 10 Norfolk Storm, [illegible]

1.30 DAILY MIRROR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHASE (handicap: £2,015: 2m) (7)

2	1/102-	CARDINAL'S OUTBURST [illegible]
4	p-f1u	WATER ROCK (D) [illegible]
6	4310	BIRD STREAM (D,B) [illegible]
7	1012	LATIN AMERICAN T Fo[illegible]
8	p240-	VIRGIN SOLDIER J Old [illegible]
9	4/0-p0	MERRY MEADOW (D) [illegible]
10	4010	DOUBLE STEP (D) [illegible]

3 Water Rock, 7-2 Latin American, [illegible] Step, 8 Bird Stream, 10 Virgin Soldier, [illegible]

2.0 REHEARSAL CHASE (£3,746: 3m) (4)

4	111-3	OBSERVE F Winter 7-11 [illegible]
7	14-11	SILVER BUCK (D) [illegible]
8	303-0	SOINTULLA BOY Mrs H [illegible]
10	3121-	ANOTHER BREEZE N G[illegible]

10-11 Silver Buck, 5-4 Observe, [illegible] Breeze.

[illegible]

2.30 PRINCE OF WALES CHASE (mares: £1,999: 2m) (16)

[illegible]

3.0 ROMAN HURDLE (4-y-o selling: £707: 2m 4f) (13)

[illegible]

3.30 COMRIE HURDLE (handicap: £1,725: 3m) (22)

[illegible]

Newcastle

Going: good

[Television (ITV) 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

12.45 BILLY BOW HURDLE (handicap: £1,704: 2m 120yd) (9 runners)

[illegible]

1.15 ROCHESTER HURDLE (handicap: £852: 3m) (5)

[illegible]

1.45 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS CHASE (novices: £2,251: 2m 120yd) (7)

[illegible]

2.15 DIPPER CHASE (Grade II: novices: £6,588: 2m 4f) (6)

[illegible]

2.45 LADBROKE CHASE (handicap: £3,934: 3m 6f) (11)

[illegible]

3.15 CUCKOO CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HURDLE (novices: £743: 2m 120yd) (10)

[illegible]

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BIRTHS

BELLIS. – On December 1st in Cambridge, to Brenda (nee Mackay) and Rob – a son, Ian Thomas.

BIRD–On November 28th to Miriam (née Farr) & John – a son, David Matthew.

CEDERQUIST. – On November 16th, 1983, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Meg (nee Kennedy Shaw) and Jack – a daughter (Isabella Caroline Eleanor).

DOVE – On December 2nd, at Queen Charlottes Hospital to Elizabeth (nee Mathews) & Ian – a son (James Francis).

HOOPER – on 30th November to Roma (née Van Limburg Stirum) and Bruce at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton the blessing of a daughter Johanna Elisabeth a sister for Ben. Grateful thanks to all staff.

JENKINS on November 28th 1983 to Odile (née Gignoux) and Timothy a daughter (Rebecca Marie Ariadne).

JOLL – On November 25th to William and Katie a son – Harry Augustus.

KITCHEN – On October 10th at St Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Angelina and David a son, James Edwin.

LAMPORT – On November 29 1983 to Angela (nee Hervey) and Stephen, a son, Edward.

LARMAN. On 30th November to Diana (née Power) and Andrew – a daughter, Annabel Mary Diana, sister for Alexander.

McDONNELL – On 21st November, at West Cheshire Hospital, to Valerie and Will, a son (Alexander, Richard William).

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MENDELSOHN – On November 30th at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Katharine (nee Short) and Richard, a son, Thomas Andrew.

OWEN. On December 1st, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, to Yvonne & Charles – a daughter, Evelyn Anne.

UNDERWOOD – On November 28th at Royal Hampshire County Hospital to Katrina (nee Rigby) and Christopher – a son (Miles, Andrew)

WHITCOMBE.–On November 30th, to Katherine (nee Marrett), a daughter (Annabelle Katherine). A Welsh St Andrew.

BIRTHDAYS

GOLLAND – Brian Llewellyn, eldest son of Rev and Mrs Arthur Golland, 70 today and still batting. Congratulations from the family.

MAXWELL. Karen (Mrs), 25

MARRIAGES

RUSSELL-DAVEY. The marriage took place on 26 November 1983 between Christopher Russell and Loveday Mary Davey, widow of Commander P. D. Davey, Royal Navy

DIAMOND WEDDING

FENDER : CAMPBELL – On November 28th, 1923, at St Columba's Church of Scotland, by Dr Archibald Fleming, Robert Evelyn Herbert Fender to Helen Myrtle Campbell.

DEATHS

BARNARD – on November 30th, John Palmer Barnard of Norwich (AGM overseas with Norwich Union Life)

BARR. On November 25 in a nursing home near Banbury, Bruce Ainsworth, aged 77, formerly housemaster at Stowe School. Dearly loved husband of Jean, much loved father and grandfather. Cremation has taken place. Memorial service at Newcastle, Co. Down, on a date to be announced. Donations if desired to the Parkinson's Disease Society, 36 Courtland Place, London, W1

CARSTAIRS. – On November 28, suddenly at the home of a friend near Cambridge, James Reginald Lothian, father of Alison, Andrew and Jamie and husband of Jacqui. Inquiries to A. F. Townsend, Funeral Directors Ltd. Tel: Cambridge (0223) 843182.

DANBY, THOMAS ANYAN, aged 81 years, on 28th November, 1983, with Gladys & Family at home, after a long illness bravely borne, went on to start a new life. 6 Walford House, Walford Cross, Taunton.

GILES – suddenly on Tuesday, 29th November, Professor Charles H. Giles of Strathclyde University formerly of Cheltenham. Funeral service at The Linn Crematorium, St Mungo Chapel, Lainshaw Drive, Glasgow on Monday, 5th December at 3pm. All friends invited.

GOLDSMITH – On December 1st, suddenly at her home, 4 Paternoster House, Winchester, Brenda, beloved wife of Major General R. F. K. Goldsmith, mother of Alick, grandmother of Lucinda and Crispin. Funeral service at Winchester Cathedral on Wednesday, December 7th at 2.00 p.m. No flowers. Donations to Friends of Winchester Cathedral, 2 The Close, Winchester, Hants.

KEYLOCK. – On November 26th, 1983 at Ashburton Hospital, Ashburton, Devon, Ingrid, widow of Major John Edward Howse Keylock, OBE, formerly of Sliema, Malta G.C. Funeral service on Tuesday, December 6, 1983 at St Andrew's Church, Ashburton 10.30 am followed by private cremation. No flowers or letters. Donations please to Imperial Cancer Research Fund at PO Box 123 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

KINGSLEY, HARRY, aged 96 on 30th November, beloved husband, father and grandfather.

LAUDER – On November 30th, Peacefully at Kippington Grange, Sevenoaks, Kent, Margaret in her 90th year, widow of Lieutenant Colonel R. D. Lauder, mother of Philip and Margo. Funeral service at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells on Thursday, December 8th at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations if desired to Age Concern Day Centre, Sevenoaks.

LOGAN.–Nora, late of Kingston Gorse, London, and Sonning, peacefully, at home on November 26th, 1983. Private funeral took place at Reading on December 2nd, 1983

LOCKSPEISER – On 1st December, peacefully, in a nursing home, Mary, aged 93 years. Dear wife of Sir Ben Lockspeiser.

MacGREGOR. On 29th November, 1983, peacefully at St George's Hospital, Tooting, Helen MacGregor of London SW16, a dear friend to many writers. Cremation 2 pm, Friday, 9th December, at Lambeth Cemetery, Blackshaw Road, London SW17. No flowers please but donations to a literary charity

McHALE. On 25th November 1983, in Pittsburgh, Edward, much-loved husband of Tessa and adored father of Larissa. After a long illness, most courageously borne. Requiem mass to be held later

MILLARD. – On 23rd November, Lionel MacVicar of 18 St Simons Avenue, SW15, peacefully at Trinity Hospice, Clapham. Cremated at Putney Vale Crematorium, 30th November

SIMEON – On November 30th, 1983, Gladys, wife of the late Vice Admiral Sir Charles Simeon, K.B.E., C.B., and dearest mother of Denise, John, Marguerite, Michael, Josephine, William and their families. Funeral private and no flowers.

SMITH – On November 30, 1983, Roy Smith MC, TD, in hospital, beloved husband of Margot and father of Nicholas, and stepfather of Jean and James, of Howden Lodge, Spennithorne, Leyburn, North Yorkshire. Funeral private. A Memorial Service will be announced later.

SMITH – On Tues 29 Nov, peacefully at home with his family in Cambridge, Anthony Smith of 83 Waddell Court, Glasgow. Funeral service at Cambridge City Cemetery on Monday 5 Dec at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Wesman Funeral Service, Abbey Walk, Cambridge. Tel: (0223) 354289

STORMS. – On November 29th, 1983, suddenly in London, Phyllis Staveley aged 92 years, mother of Jean and Poppy, aunt of Admiral Sir Nigel Henderson. Cremation private.

SWORD. – On December 1st, 1983. Peacefully at home, Lieutenant Colonel Edward Roland Sword, OBE., late 4th Queens Own Hussars. Dearly loved husband of Helen and father of Elizabeth (Turnbull). Cremation private, church service at St Nicholas' Pyrford on Monday, December 5th at 11.00 a.m. No flowers at his request, donations if desired to the Officers Families Fund, 48 Pall Mall SW1Y 5JY

WELPLY.–On December 1st, 1983, peacefully, in her home, Moyra. Cremation City of London Crematorium, Thursday, December 8th, 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Walters, High St, Wanstead.

WILLIAMS. On November 30th, 1983, at Cromways, White Colne, suddenly Winifred Eileen, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs Ralph Williams, sister of the late Ronald, Bishop of Leicester 1953-78, and sister-in-law of Bim. Funeral Thursday, 8th December, 12.00 noon at White Colne Parish Church

WILLIAMS – On Thursday 1st December, Howell Trevor Meakin Williams, aged 89, of Wargrave, Berkshire, late Royal Welch Fusiliers, eldest son of Sir Howell and Lady Williams, husband of the late Margaret and of Violet (formerly Harding), cherished father, stepfather, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral at East Hampstead Crematorium on Tuesday 6th December at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Tomalin and Son, Henley 573370. Flowers or donations to Royal Welch Fusiliers Old Comrades Association Caernarvon Castle, North Wales.

DEATHS

YOUNG – On December 2, 1983 peacefully at home, 220 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh. Dr Ruth, CBE (formerly women's medical service India and Church of Scotland medical officer), wife of the late C. B. Young and mother of Ruth, Mary, David and Roger. Funeral at Morton Hall Crematorium on Monday December 5 at 3pm. Service of thanksgiving on Monday, January 9th, 1984 at 3pm at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DENT, SIR ROBERT ANNESLEY WILKINSON. – A memorial service will be held at 12.15 pm on Monday, 19th December at Carlisle Cathedral.

HAY – A memorial service for the life of Dr Alex Hay, formerly chief inspector, Inner London Education Authority, will be held on Friday, 16th December, 1983 at 2pm at St Mary's Church, Oatland Village, Weybridge.

IN MEMORIAM (WAR)

STRAUSS - In ever-loving memory of Captain Cyril Anthony Strauss, 60th Rifles, holder of Polish Cross of Valour (Tobruk). Buried Military Cemetery, Assisi, Italy. December 1st, 1944.

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COLLIER, Allan Stuart Collier, otherwise Allan Collier, late of Longton Road, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, died at Stoke-on-Trent, on 14th July 1982. (Estate about £6,900.)

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SACKS, Jacob Maurice Sacks otherwise Jack Maurice Sacks otherwise Jack Sacks, late of 14 Dalling Road, Hammersmith, London W6, died in Hammersmith on 21st February 1983. (Estate about £50,000.)

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LEGAL NOTICES

CAST TRANSPORTATION (U.K.) LIMITED
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and the COMPANIES ACT, 1948

NOTICE is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named company are required on or before 30 December, 1983 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, C. R. Sherling, F.C.A., of ARTHUR ANDERSEN & Co PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT, the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved

Dated this 18th day of November, 1983

C. R. SHERLING
Liquidator

STUDIO 99 VIDEO LIMITED
THE COMPANIES ACT 1948

WE, George Albert Auger Certified Accountant of STOY HAYWARD & PARTNERS, 44 Baker Street, London W1M 1DH and Neville Fraser Shearman Certified Accountant of Latham Crossley & Davis, Tower House, Southampton Street, London WC2 7HZ HEREBY give notice that we were appointed Joint Liquidators in the above matter on 15 November 1983. All debts and claims should be sent to George Albert Auger at his address given above.

G. A AUGER
N F. SHEARMAN
Joint Liquidators

Re EXPRESS TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL Limited and THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, on Monday, 12 December 1983 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 22nd day of November 1983

SUDHIR RUPARELEA
Director.

Re: GOLDSPEAR Limited and THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at The Royal Scot Hotel, 100 King's Cross Road, London W C.1 on Tuesday the 6th day of December 1983 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act
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A. CRISTINA
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Re: ERITHWARD Limited and THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at The London Ryan Hotel, Gwynne Place, London W C.1 on Tuesday December 6th at 10 00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act
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K A ASBURY
Director

SOUTH LONDON BINDERY Limited.
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Dated the 21st day of November 1983

B E OTT
Director

JENCOLIGHT Limited Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co situated at 3/4 Bentinck Street London W1A 3BA on Thursday the 8th day of December 1983 at 12 00 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 294 and 295
Dated the 21st day of November 1983

B KECECI
Director

LEGAL NOTICES

Re: INTERSTORE (MARKETING) Limited. By order of the High Court dated the 25th February 1983, NEVILLE ECKLEY F.C.A. of 10, Bramley Hill, South Croydon has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company WITHOUT A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION.
Dated 24th November 1983.

Re: A. W. LONG (TRANSPORT) Limited. By order of the High Court, dated the 29th July 1983, NEVILLE ECKLEY F.C.A. of 10, Bramley Hill, South Croydon has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above named Company WITHOUT A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION
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Re: RODING LINGERIE Ltd. and THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948.
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Dated this 16th November, 1983.

W HAWKRIDGE
Director.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

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3. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £25,000, and must specify the net amount per cent (being a multiple of one halfpenny) which will be given for the amount applied for.
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M. F. STONEFROST,
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SOLOMON, SYLVIA, late of Brighton & Hove Jewish Home for the Aged, East 20 Burlington Street, Brighton, East Sussex but formerly of 14 St Ursula Grove, Southsea, Hampshire, who died on 8th November 1983, are required to send particulars in writing of their claim or interest to the undersigned by 7th February 1984 Blake, Lapthorn, 8 Landport Terrace, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 2QW

SWEETMAN Winifred May of 1 Grantley Road, Liverpool 15, Merseyside died on 6th October 1983 Particulars to Peter Weir Malpas, 30 The Albany, Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9EJ Solicitor for the Executors before, 1st February 1984.

GREY, MEREDITH JOHN of 342 Innsworth Lane, Gloucester, formerly of Coney Hill Hospital, Gloucester died on 24th April 1983. Particulars to Gamlens, solicitors of 3/4 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3TS before 7th February 1984.

AL ASMAR NASHAT SULEIMAN Jabal Lweibdeh, Jordan and Flat 5, Sussex Court, Spring Street, London, W2, died 26th August 1981; particulars to Peter T. James & Co., Solicitors, 2 Carlos Place, Mount Street, London, W1, before February 7th, 1984.

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Weekend radio *From facing page*

Saturday's World Service

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News About Britain. 7.15 From the Weeklies. 7.30 Classical Record Review. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Flanders and Swann Song. 8.30 Quote, Unquote. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 *Financial News.* 9.40 *Look Ahead.* 9.45 *People and Politics.* 10.15 What's New. 10.30 Just A Minute. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 About Britain. 12pm Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Network UK. 1.30 Detective. 2.00 London Concert Tradition. 2.30 Caught in the Act. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 5.00 World News. 5.02 Saturday Special. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Good Books. 9.15 What's New. 9.30 People and Politics. 10.00 World News. 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Play of the Week. 1.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of British Press. 2.15 Short Story. 2.30 Sports Review. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.30 Just A Minute. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 The English Air. 5.45 Letter from America. All times in GMT

Sunday's World Service

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News About Britain. 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.30 A Memorable Scene. 7.50 Recording of the Week. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Science in Action. 9.45 Sports Review. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter From London. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Good Books. 1.30 Clinging to the Wreckage. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2.30 The Ulster Defence Regiment. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 4.35 Financial Review. 5.45 Letter from America. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Letterbox. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Science in Action. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Detective 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 India: A Cacophony of Cultures. 1.45 Breakthrough. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Good Books. 2.30 *Music Now.* 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain, 3.15 Coast to Coast. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Clinging to the Wreckage. 5.45 At Home with... All times in GMT

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Britain hopeful of Athens summit

By Patricia Clough

The Government sees the chance of a breakthrough at the Athens EEC summit, thanks to France's new proposals to control the growth in community spending, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said yesterday.

While Eurocrats in Brussels were expressing doubts that the summit would resolve much, if anything, of the Community's huge budget and agriculture crisis, Mr Rifkind told *The Times*: "There is no reason for pessimism."

There had been "substantial convergence" in the 10 members' views since the last summit in Stuttgart in June, he said in an interview. The new proposals, in which France envisaged for the first time restrictions on farm spending, was a "potential major breakthrough".

"Now France, West Germany, Britain and the Netherlands are speaking with a very similar voice," he said. This meant that there was a broad base on which to work for effective reforms.

Controls on agricultural spending, one of Mrs Thatcher's essential conditions for any increase in the Community's own income, would have consequences for farmers, he said. But the government would oppose any measures that discriminated against British farmers, who are more efficient than most of their continental colleagues.

In particular, it would combat any attempt to penalize intensive milk production

The European Paarliament's threat to freeze Britain's 1983 budget rebate or reject the whole EEC budget if the summit did not agree on budgetary reform would have no effect on the Athens meetings, he said.

The Goverment "shares the concern" of the seven Tory backbenchers who voted with Labour to oppose any increase in the EEC's own financial resources.

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Falklands calendar tours around the islands

One of the New Year's more unusual calendars has been produced by Mr Stephen Whitley the Falklands Island's veterinary officer, whose photographs of views, landmarks and wildlife were taken on his continual travels around the islands (Sandra Hempel writes).

The British public, however, will not get the chance to buy it for, although it is being printed in London, all 5,000 copies are going to the Falklands.

January (right) shows a group of Rockhopper penguins, the smallest of the five species which breed in the Falklands. A protected bird, it is very noisy and quarrelsome.

February (below right) has a picture of St Mary's Church, Ross Road, Port Stanley, built in 1899. Ross Road is named after the British explorer and navigator Captain Ross, who visited the islands with the British Antarctic expedition in 1842. Captain Ross favoured the move of the capital from its original site at Port Louis to the better harbour at Port William with its inner harbour, Port Stanley.

Shown below is Mr Whitley with his wife, Susan, a schoolteacher, who was killed by an artillery shell in the last days of the fighting around Port Stanley.







Tighter checks on honours candidates

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He will use data to be published on Tuesday by the trades union-funded Labour Research Department which juxtaposes industrialists honoured for non-political services by Mrs Thatcher since 1979 with the financial contributions their companies have made to the Conservative Party.

Shortly after becoming Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher told the Commons she was restoring the practice of awarding honours for political services. She undertook to forward to the scrutiny committee any names she added personally to the honours list at CBE rank or above.

It is impossible to tell, however, from reading a routine honours list which names were recommended by the Prime Minister personally unless it specifies that the award was for political services and the person honoured was a supporter of the Conservatives.

The bulk of New Year and Birthday honours lists are compiled on the basis of recommendations processed by the Whitehall machine, rather than arising from a political initiative, and do not always pass through the scrutiny committee's hands. But resignation honours nominated by outgoing Prime Ministers are examined by the Privy Councillors.

The committee's powers, stated most recently in a 1979 Order in Council, enable Lord Shackleton, Lord Franks and Lord Carr to report to the Prime Minister if "the past history or general character of a person rendered him unsuitable to be recommended."

"In the event of the committee reporting against any name and the Prime Minister determining still to recommend such a name, a copy of the report of the committee will be submitted to Her Majesty with the recommendation".

In pursuing their inquiries, the Privy Councillors can obtain access to information contained in police files and Security Service material, in addition to routine information held on individuals by Whitehall departments

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

The Maclaurin Collection – the first exhibition of the Maclaurin collection of twentieth Century Art, The Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, closed Sun (until Jan 28).

Face to Face: portrait exhibition at the Cooper Gallery Church Street, Barnsley, South Yorks; Tues 1 to 5-30, Wed to Sun to 5.30 closed Mon (until Feb 5).

A Weaver's Life: Ethel Mairet, 1872-1952; Galleries 17-19, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until Jan 22).

Out of the Nomad's Tent; an exhibition of Turkish hand-woven rugs and textiles, Colston House Gallery, Market Place, Fairford, Gloucestshire; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 6 (until Dec 11).

1983 Christmas exhibition of paintings, prints, ceramics, toys, jewelry and tapestries; Festival Gallery, 1 Pierrepoint Place, Bath; Tues to Sat 11 to 5 (until Dec 23).

The Art of Craft, an exhibition of craftwork at Newport Museum and Art Gallery, John Frost Square, Newport, Gwent; Mon to Thurs 10 to 5.30; Fri 10 to 4.30, Sat 9.30 to 4, closed Sun (until Feb 4).

Fishing Smacks: a Kent County Museum Service travelling exhibition; Tunbrdige Wells Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Tunbridge Wells; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 5, closed Sun (until Dec 31).

Oriel Christmas exhibition: works by Welsh artists; Welsh Arts Council Gallery, 53 Charles Street, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 9 to 5.30, closed Sun (until Jan 7).

Silver Studio Collection: Textile design 1850-1950, The Hampstead Museum, Burgh House, New End Square, NW3. Wed to Sun 12 to 5, closed Mon and Tues (until Dec 18).

Portal Painters, "Scottish Connexions"; That's Shell, That Is! – exhibition of advertising material; both at Aberdeen Art Galleries, School Hill, Aberdeen, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8; Sun 2 to 5 (both end Jan 7).

Crafts For Christmas; Leicestershire Guild of Craftsmen (ends Dec 28) and Victorian Paintings Workshop (ends Jan 3); both at Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, 96 New Walk, Leicester, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30, closed Friday.

Music

Concert by the Chester Bach Singers, Chester Cathedral, 7.30.

Handel's *Messiah*: concert by the Ryton Chorale and Orchestra, Worksop Priory, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, 7.30.

Chamber concert by The Coull String Quartet, Central Library, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton, 7.50.

Concert by the South Glamorgan Youth Orchestra and Choir, St David's Hall, *Cardiff*, 7.30.

Concert by the Royal Leamington Spa Bach Choir, All Saints Church, Leamington Spa, 7.30.

Concert by the Reading Phoenix Choir, The Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading, 7.30.

General

Christmas bazaar, Wood Green Animal Shelter, Heydon, near Royston, Herts, 11 to 4.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,300

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World *(comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

Name ....

Address ....

ACROSS

1 Game player? Nonsense! (10).
9 Former tragic killer in the West Country (6).
10 Sure it's connected with current arrangements? (8).
11 Wood-workers call it a rest centre (8).
12 Girl some deemed naive? (4).
13 Queen trains Eton form to read novelist (4,6).
15 Haughtiness of Benedick's lady? (7).
17 ARP members left in sympathy (7).
20 Food reserve for wartime consumer (6,4).
21 Started to open a drink (4).
23 It made an unusual decorated fabric (8).
25 Herb and Jack continue to indulge in horseplay (8).
26 Ingenious type many bar (6).
27 TV programme to control opinion (6-4).

DOWN

2 Jack and Dora wrong? Jack might be (6).
3 Scottish literary school is cultured? (8).
4 A £1 note given to people causes estrangement (10).
5 Encounter needs some minutes (7).
6 Mean quarters given to rising artist (4).
7 New NCO got an unusual percentage (8).
8 A digger of 49, perhaps? (10).
12 Finished article with tip for pipe-maker (3-7).
14 Unprintable parts of Hamlet? (5,5).
16 Glutted with state aid, possibly (8).
18 Spectre of power being given up to worker, as many view it (8).
19 Kind of fungi – nothing subtle in this anagram! (7).
22 March with poster to unite under (6).
24 Not a jolly type? (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,299

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 17

Tomorrow

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, presides at the FEI General Assembly and Bureau Meetings in Amsterdam, departs from Lydd Airport, Kent, 10.15.

Music

Concert by St Peter's Singers with St Peter's Chamber Orchestra, Leeds Parish Church, Leeds, 8.15.

Recital by Spohr piano trio, The Arts Centre, Town Hall, Bampton, Oxfordshire, 4.

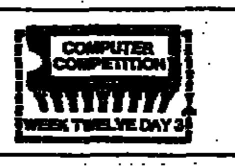
Carol Services

Advent Carol Service, Manchester Cathedral, 7.

Advent Carol Service, Coventry Cathedral, 7.

General

Somerset and Avon Antiques Fair, Belgrave Hotel, Torquay, 10.30 to 4.30.



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In the garden

One is often told on TV and radio and in articles to put corms, tubers, fruits and vegetables in a frost-free shed. No shed is frost free in prolonged periods of frost unless it is heated. If a frost lasts for three days and nights it will penetrate even a brick-built garage. So bring indoors dahlia and begonia tubers and gladiolus corms. Do not put them in the loft because on bitter nights forst can penetrate an unheated loft.

Watch now for signs of mice in frames, greenhouses or in stores. Set traps; milk chocolate or a broad bean seed will often prove a better bait than cheese. Slugs can be a nuisance eating the buds of Iris *Unguicularis (I. stylosa)* and other plants. So put down generous quantities of slug bait or water on liquid slug killer. Put a cloche or two over parsley plants now. RH

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: **Joseph Conrad**, Berdichev, Russia, 1857; **Anton von Webern**, composer, Vienna, 1883; **Dr Rajendra Prasad**, 1st president of India, 1950-62; Zeradei, Bihr, 1884. Deaths: **St Francis Xavier**, Jesuit missionary in the Far East, Shan-chuan Tao, China, 1552; **Robert Louis Stevenson**, Samoa, 1894; **Mary Baker Eddy**, founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, 1910; **Pierre Renoir**, Cagnes, France, 1919.

TOMORROW: Births: **Thomas Carlyle**, Ecclefechan, Annandale, 1795; **Samuel Butler**, author of *Erewhon*, Langar, Nottinghamshire, 1835; **Rainer Maria Rilke**, poet, Prague, 1875. Deaths: **Thomas Hobbes**, philosopher, author of *Leviathan*, Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, 1679; **Robert Banks Jenkinson**, 2nd Lord Liverpool, prime minister, 1812-27; **William Sturgeon**, inventor of the electromagnet, Prestwich, Lancashire, 1850; **Stefan George**, poet, Locarno, 1933. *The Observer* was first published, 1791.

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Denmark Kr	14.73	14.03
Finland Mkk	8.77	8.37
France Fr	12.30	11.80
Germany DM	4.07	3.88
Greece Dr	161.00	151.00
Hongkong $	11.70	11.10
Ireland Pt	1.31	1.26
Italy Lira	2460.00	2350.00
Japan Yen	354.00	336.00
Netherlands Gld	4.58	4.35
Norway Kr	11.39	10.79
Portugal Esc	200.00	190.00
South Africa Rd	1.80	1.67
Spain Pta	234.00	225.00
Sweden Kr	12.02	11.45
Switzerland Fr	3.28	3.11
USA $	1.45	1.50
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Retail Price Index: 340.7

London: The *FT* index closed up 0.2 at 741.3

Roads

London and South-east: A1010 (Cheshunt): Sewer work along (Rossbrook Street between Russells Ride and Hillside Avenue; southbound carriageway reduced. **A100** (Leyton): Resurfacing work between Lea Bridge Road and Verulam Avenue; single line traffic with traffic signals between 9.30 and 4 pm in each direction along Markhouse Road. **A265**: Sewer work along Heathfield to Burwash Road; Two way traffic on one carriageway, temporary signals.

Midlands and East Anglais. A14; Roadworks on Huntingdon bypass; lane closures. **A52**: Contraflow system at Sandiacre on Derby to Nottingham Road. **A49**: Roadworks, with traffic signals at Church Stretton, Shropshire.

Wales and West: A470: Bypass construction at Merthyr Tydfil to Pontypridd; only one lane in use with temporary signals. **A38**: Eastbound carriageway closed on Ivybridge to Plymouth Road east of Lee Mill. **A55**: Temporary roundabout on Conway to Colwyn Road at Colwyn Bay, junction with A546.

North: M1: Bridge reconstruction works between junctions 33 and 34, South Yorkshire; contraflow, delays expected. **A637**: Bailey Bridge in use due to mainly subsidence on Barnsley Road between Darton and Barugh: traffic lights, delays expected. **A1**: Roadworks between Moorfarm and Seaton Burn, Northumberland.

Scotland: A85: Sewer work, at Invergowrie; single lane traffic, with traffic lights. **A9**: Footbridge construction at Alness; single lane traffic, lights. **A78**: Carriageway closures and contraflow in operation, on Irvine bypass at river Irvine, south of junction with A71.

Information supplied by AA

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 4.24 pm to 7.17 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 7.27 am
Edinburgh 4.13 pm to 7.53 am
Manchester 4.23 pm to 7.35 am
Penzance 4.52 pm to 7.33 am

TOMORROW
London 4.24 pm to 7.19 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 4.12 pm to 7.55 am
Manchester 4.22 pm to 7.37 am
Penzance 4.52 pm to 7.34 am

The papers

The Daily Nation of nairobi yesterday commented on the forced removal of blacks in South Africa: saying: "George Orwell's 1984 is almost here. In the land of apartheid the Deparment of Cooperation and Development has destroyed the village of Magopa where black families have lived in peace for generations.

"The department has bulldozed Magopa's four churches, its schools and clinics. The water pumps have been removed from boreholes and the bus service has been suspended.

"This is apartheid, the naked reality of which is sickening. "This is the regime that certain other western countries are supporting with their investments and their silence. When will they ever learn?"

The Standard of Nairobi commented on the commonwealth sunnit meeting in New Delhi, that "it was particularly worth noting that none of the older members of the 'club' (Austrailia, Britain, Canada and New Zealand), despite their passivity and reservations, managed to rescue the South African regime from the marsh beating it received at the conference table."

The government-owned Daily News of Dar es Salaan, welcomed President Mitterrand's proposal of a new "Bretton Woods" world economic conference,

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will be maintained over S and E parts of England while troughs of low pressure cross N and W parts of Britain.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, Midlands (E): Dry, sunny periods, frost early and late; wind S or SW, light or moderate; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

E, central N England, Midlands (W): Dry, hazy sunshine; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Channel Islands: Dry, hazy sunshine, wind S or SE, light; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

SW England, Wales: Occasional light rain or drizzle, chiefly over coasts and hills, dying out later, sunny intervals developing: wind S or SW, light or moderate; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Central Highlands, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen: Perhaps a little light rain or drizzle at times, also bright or sunny intervals; wind SW, moderate; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, some bright intervals; wind SW, fresh, occasionally strong; max temp 10 to 12C (50 to 52F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Mostly dry at first but cloud and rain spreading to all areas followed by showers and sunny intervals; mostly mild but becoming colder.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind S, moderate or fresh: sea slight or moderate. English Channel (E): Wind SE, light or moderate; sea slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

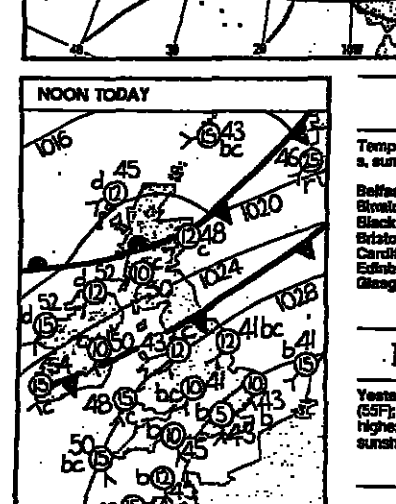
TODAY
Sun rises: 7.46am Sun sets: 3.54pm
Moon rises: 6.21am Moon sets: 3.24pm
New Moon: Tomorrow

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 7.47am Sun sets: 3.54pm
Moon rises: 7.39am Moon sets: 3.54pm
New Moon: 12.26pm

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.1	-	5	41	bright
Bridlington	0.8	-	4	39	bright
Cromer	3.2	-	5	41	sunny am
Lowestoft	2.0	-	5	41	sunny
Clacton	4.9	-	6	43	sunny
Margate	-	-	-	-	-
Folkestone	8.3	-	5	41	sunny
Hastings	6.2	-	6	41	sunny
Eastbourne	6.4	-	7	45	sunny
Brighton	5.2	-	6	43s	sunny
Worthing	6.5	-	8	46	sunny
Littlehmptn	6.0	-	9	48	sunny
Bognor R	7.2	-	8	46	sunny
Southsea	6.8	-	9	48	sunny
Shanklin	6.3	-	9	48	sunny
Bournemth	6.0	-	10	50	sunny
Poole	6.8	-	10	50	sunny
Swanage	6.7	-	10	50	sunny
Weymouth	6.8	-	10	50	sunny
Exmouth	7.1	-	11	52	sunny
Torquay	7.5	-	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	-	-	-	-	
Penzance	7.5	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	8.0	-	8	46	sunny
Guernsey	6.5	-	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	-	-	-	-
Newquay	7.3	-	11	52	sunny
Ilfracombe	6.3	-	11	52	sunny
Tenby	6.4	-	11	52	sunny
Southport	2.4	-	7	45	bright pm
Morecambe	2.9	-	5	41	cloudy
Douglas	-	-	10	50	cloudy
London (Ctrl)	6.2	-	9	48	sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	2.6	-	7	45	bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	6.3	-	10	50	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	6.3	-	9	48	sunny
Anglesey	5.0	-	11	52	sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	3.3	-	7	45	sunny
Manchester	2.2	-	9	48	sunny pm
Nottingham	-	-	6	43	bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	3.5	-	6	43	sunny
Carlisle	2.9	-	9	48	sunny pm
Eskdalemuir	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Prestwick	2.8	-	11	52	cloudy
Glasgow	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Tiree	-	.02	12	54	drizzle am
Stornoway	-	.23	11	52	rain
Lerwick	-	.35	11	52	rain
Wick	-	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh	-	-	-	-	-
Aldergrove	-	-	-	-	-

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	10	50	Guernsey	s	7	45
Birmingham	s	5	41	Inverness	c	12	54
Blackpool	s	5	41	Jersey	s	7	45
Bristol	s	8	46	London	s	7	45
Cardiff	s	8	46	Manchester	s	7	45
Edinburgh	c	9	48	Newcastle	s	4	39
Glasgow	c	11	52	Ronaldsway	c	11	52

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Anvil Green, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Benbecula, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 8hr.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1034.8 millibars

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.36	7.1	12.53	7.0	London Bridge	1.23	7.1	1.38	7.0
Aberdeen	-	-	12.24	4.2	Aberdeen	12.38	4.3	1.03	4.2
Avonmouth	6.07	13.0	6.27	13.0	Avonmouth	6.49	13.2	7.7	13.1
Belfast	10.02	3.4	10.12	3.6	Belfast	10.38	3.5	10.51	3.5
Cardiff	5.53	12.0	6.13	12.0	Cardiff	6.35	12.2	6.52	12.1
Devonport	4.42	5.5	5.01	5.5	Devonport	5.24	5.6	5.43	5.5
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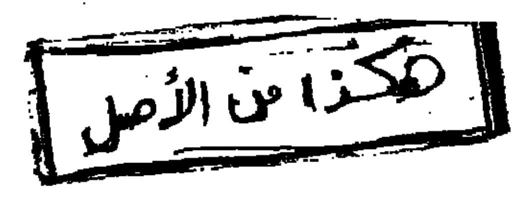
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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

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Sunday

Saturday

BBC 1

1.35 Indian Private Eye: cartoon series from the US; 5.40 Saturday SuperStore: Today's guests include Bucks Fizz, B A Robertson (offering a special bargain), and the fast-rising comedian Michael Barrymore. Also, a new competition to design a Christmas card; 12.15 Weather.

12.15 Grandstand. The line-up is: – Football Focus (12.20); Swimming (12.45, 3.00) from Leeds: The Arena Sprint, and The Cadbury's Dairy Milk Club Championship; Racing from Chepstow (12.55, 1.25, 1.55): 1.00 The Philip Cornes Novices' Hurdle Race, 1.30 The Daily Mirror Conditional Jockeys' Championship Steeplechase (Handicap), 2.00 The Rehearsal Steeplechase; Boxing (1.10, 1.40) from Reno, Nevada – USA v Britain and the Commonwealth; Snooker (2.10, 3.20, 3.50) Opening frames of the final of The Coral United Kingdom Championship from Preston; Cyclo-Cross (2.40) the Halfords Nationals Cup from Birmingham; Skiing (4.30) A profile of downhill ski-ing champion Franz Klammer; Final Score (4.40). There is a news bulletin at 12.40.

5.05 News. And weather forecast. 5.15 Sports round-up.

5.20 Some Mothers Do 'ave 'Em: Another chance to see Michael Crawford as the accident-prone Frank Spencer (r).

5.50 The Noel Edmonds Late Late Breakfast Show: Tonight's guests include Elton John and Frankie Howerd. Plus more Golden Egg awards, and the Give it a Whirl spot.

6.35 Blankety Blank: Last in the present series of word games. The guests: Lorraine Chase, Kenny Everett, Noele Gordon, Patrick Moore, Cleo Laine and Paul Shane. With Terry Wogan.

7.10 Juliet Bravo: An armed bank robbery brings Kate Longton (Anna Carteret) into conflict with Det Chief Insp Perrin, the new divisional CID chief.

8.00 The Paul Daniels Show: The guests include Rowland Emett, the British inventor of eccentric machines; the musical comedian Alfredo; and the trick cyclists The Klements, from Austria.

8.40 Bergerac: Start of a new series starring John Nettles as the Jersey detective. Tonight, he goes on a "bender" after failing to get the outright conviction of a suspected arsonist. Anthony Steele is one of tonight's guest players.

9.35 News and sports round-up.

9.50 Championship Snooker: Highlights of frames 8 to 15 in the final of the Coral UK Championship, from the Guild Hall, Preston.

10.15 Match of the Day: Highlights from First and Second Division matches. And November Goal of the Month competition.

10.55 Carrott's Lib: Late-night comedy, with Jasper Carrott.

11.35 Championship Snooker: Further coverage from frames 8 to 15 in the Coral UK Championship final.

12.55 Weather for Sunday.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: with the Parkinsons (Michael and Mary). News at 7.00 and 8.00; sport (7.10); Pick of the Week (8.30); Jimmy Tarbuck and Jackie Stewart (7.18); Randy Edelman (8.05); Jackie Genova and her aerobics (8.20).

8.30 Rat Rapping: with Roland.

8.40 Data Run: British heavyweight boxer Frank Bruno is the guest. The musical guests are Eurythmics. Cartoons etc.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 LWT Information: what's on locally; 9.30 Pick Up your Feet: Double Dutch jump rope championship, from New York; 10.00 Champion Children of 1983: Princess Margaret presents the awards at London's Savoy Hotel; 10.30 The Saturday Show: Guests include actor John Hurt and jockey Bob Champion.

12.15 World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.20 Indoor Speedway (Lada International, from Wembley Arena); 12.35 Ski-ing (World Cup preview); 12.45 News; 12.50 On the Ball (weekend soccer preview); 1.20 Racing (Japan Cup, from Tokyo); 1.25 The ITV Six: from Sandown; the 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30. And, from Newcastle, the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45.

3.00 Boxing: Feeney versus Willis in the British Lightweight Championship; 3.45 Half-time football results; 4.00 Wrestling: Team tournament – Giant Haystacks' Wrecking Crew v Big Daddy's All Stars; 4.45 Results.

5.00 News; 5.05 Chips: Audacious thieves try to steal vehicles from the Highway Patrol.

6.00 3-2-1: The return of the family game show, compered by Ted Rogers. Music hall is the theme. The guests include Frankie Vaughan.

7.00 Cannon and Ball: The return of the comedy duo in their own show. The line-up of guests includes Cliff Richard, Windsor Davies and Rocky Sharpe and the Replays.

7.45 Punchlines: The celebrity partners, Matthew Kelly and Wincey Willis, join contestants Yvonne Price and John Davey.

8.15 Hart to Hart: Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers as the sleuthing spouses.

9.15 News and sports round-up.

9.30 Film: High Plains Drifter (1972). Heavily symbolic western, with Clint Eastwood as the sharpshooter whom townspeople appoint their sheriff to protect them from a gang of convicts who are seeking revenge against the town. Eastwood also directs.

11.30 London News headlines. Followed by: The Stanley Baxter Series: Includes the Darts Awards Ceremony, with 'David Frost' as compere (r).

12.00 After Midnight: Guest presenter of this chat show: Auberon Waugh. With Janet Street-Porter, Hunter Davies, John Sessions, Terry Donovan (the photographer), Peter Langan (the restaurater) and Maryllyn (the pop singer).

12.40 Lena Lovich: The eccentric singer in a concert filmed in Canada. With guitarist Les Chappell. Followed by Night Thoughts.



Deborah Grant and John Nettles in Bergerac (BBC 1, 8.40pm), the first in a new series, set in Jersey.

BBC 2

10.10 Open University. Until 11.25.

2.15 Saturday Cinema: Hue and Cry (1947*) Famous Ealing comedy about some London youngsters who discover that their favourite weekly magazine is being used as a channel of communication between a criminal and his gang. With Alastair Sim and Jack Warner. Director: Charles Crichton.

3.35 Play Away: Comedy and music.

4.00 Saturday Cinema: Mandy (1952*). Moving drama about a child (Mandy Miller) who is born deaf and dumb, and her efforts to learn to communicate at a special school. With Jack Hawkins, Phyllis Calvert and Terence Morgan. Director: Alexander Mackendrick.

5.30 Whistle Test: On the Road. Entertainment from Tom Robinson and the Crew.

6.10 Greek-Language and People: A Greek wedding; how to find out who is who in a Greek family.

6.35 Grand Slam: The final of this year's bridge tournament: Southampton versus Bristol. Commentary by Jeremy Flint, of The Times.

7.00 News. And sports round-up.

7.20 Zubin Mehta Masterclass: Five young conductors, under Mr Mehta's expert eye, conduct the opening movement of Mozart's 'Prague' Symphony.

8.10 Fly on the Wall: The Family. Final episode of the repeated series about the Wilkins family.

8.40 International Emmy Awards Gala: from the Sheraton Centre in New York. Seven awards honour the best television from all parts of the United States.

9.35 Film: Elmer Gantry (1960) Skilful movie version of Sinclair Lewis's novel about an unscrupulous travelling salesman (Burt Lancaster) who becomes a hellfire preacher. Co-starring Jean Simmons as a young evangelist and Shirley Jones (an Oscar-winning performance) as a hooker. Directed by Richard Brooks.

11.58 News headlines.

12.00 Twilight Zone Double Bill: The Purple Testament, starring William Reynolds, and Elegy, starring Cecil Kellaway. Both films are in black-and-white. Ends at 12.55am.

CHANNEL 4

2.00 A Kind of Living: Self-sufficiency advice. Comments from members of two differing communities.

2.25 Film: Red Dust (1932*) Comedy drama set in a rubber plantation in Indo-China with Jean Harlow as the prostitute on the run from the police who wraps the overseer (Clark Gable) around her pretty finger. With Mary Astor. Directed by Victor Fleming.

4.00 Film: Railrodder (1965) Buster Keaton (then aged 70) travels across Canada on a railway motor-trolley. There is no dialogue.

4.25 Country Boy: cartoon.

4.35 The Chicago Teddy Bears: Gangster spoof. A book of priceless Hungarian proverbs is pressed into unusual service.

5.05 Brookside: two episodes are repeated.

6.05 How We Learned To Ski: a tough time for the four intermediates. And personal rivalries do not help matters, either.

6.35 News. And weather. Followed by:– Flashback: Final film in this archive film series. How television reported the Falklands conflict last year.

7.05 7 days: Moral and religious issues behind the headlines.

7.30 Union World: The two threats to union freedom – the Official Secrets Act, and the polygraph (or lie detector).

8.00 Fragile Earth: Sarawak – the Tidal Forest: Why the mangroves of Borneo (an almost impossible environment you might think) have stimulated the evolution of more classes of plants and animals than anywhere else on earth.

9.00 The Avengers: A plan to produce a serum that can kill millions (r).

10.00 Fox: Episode 10 (of 13) Will Wally be able to raise the cash to buy Vin's construction business? (r).

11.00 Interference: The pirate station keeps trying to rule the air waves.

11.30 Film : The Worst of Hollywood. The Thing with Two Heads (1972). Conclusive proof that two heads are not always better than one. Ray Milland is the racial bigot whose head is transplanted on a black man's shoulders. Ends at 1.25am.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Farming Today.
6.50 In Perspective. Religious affairs 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News 7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 In Perspective.
7.50 It's a Bargain 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
8.00 News 8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.48 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway. Holiday, travel and leisure scene.
9.50 News Stand. Review of weekly magazines.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.30 Daily Service.†
10.45 Pick of the Week Margaret Howard's programme highlights.
11.35 From Our Own Correspondent. BBC correspondents report from around the world.
12.00 News; Money Box. Advice on personal finance.
12.27 The First Half Century (new series) Alistair Cooke takes a personal view of social life in Britain and the USA from 1900-50, as reflected in popular music of the day. Today: the End of the Victorians. This is an eight-part series 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? from Cambridge. The team: John Mortimer, Lady Howe, Lord Bullock and Emma Nicholson (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News.
2.05 Afternoon Theatre 'Time Slip' by Wally K Daly. Comedy in which two men who own a firm that makes space-age toys, use the new three-dimensional copies to make pictures of themselves, and cause a great deal of confusion at home. With Paul Daneman, Donald Hewlett, Gwen Watford and Norma Ronald.†
3.00 Medicine Now. Report on the health of medical care.
3.30 Worlds of Faith (10) Women and Children – First?†
4.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents on a contemporary issue.
4.30 Does he take Sugar? Magazine for the disabled.
5.00 Wildlife. Listeners' questions.
5.25 Week Ending; Satirical review of the week's news.† 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
6.00 News; Sports Round-up.
6.25 Desert Island Discs Marvin Hamlisch.†
7.05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson.†
7.45 Baker's Dozen with Richard Baker.†
8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre 'Rope', the famous murder thriller by Patrick Hamilton, about two young undergraduates who think they have committed the perfect murder. They invite the victim's father and other guests to a macabre dinner party to add piquancy to their crime. With Alan Rickman, Adam Bareham, Andrew Branch and Cyril Luckham.†
9.45 The English House. Andrew Joynes visits Aquitaine and discovers that, after 600 years, the scenes, memories, and judgements of the Hundred Years' War remain 9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 The Hireling. The story of General Patrick Gordon the 17th century mercenary written by Patrik Malahide and starring Tom Watson as Gordon.
11.00 Lighten our Darkness. An evening meditation.
11.15 A Sound of Goons. Three decades of Goon history, presented by Frank Muir.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade. Music, on records, by Waldteufel, Gouvy, Saint-Saens, and Reger.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review: introduced by Paul Vaughan.†
10.15 Stereo Release: New recordings of works by Enescu, Vincenzo Righini, Debussy and Simon Mayr.†
11.25 Scottish National Orchestra. Concert. Part one. With Yefim Bronfman, piano. Haydn's Symphony No 60 (Il distratto), and Liszt's Piano Concerto No 2. Interval reading at 12.20. Part two of concert at 12.20. Part two of concert at 12.20: Debussy's Prelude à l'après-midi d'un faune; and Roussel's Symph No 3.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Hohenems Schubertiads: A recital by Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau from the 1983 Festival. With Hartmut Holl, piano. An Austrian Radio recording.†
1.50 Ernest Ansermet: Records featuring the conductor. Works by Glinka, Stravinsky, Ravel, Debussy and Dukas.
3.10 Lekeu and Debussy: Violin and piano recital, by Dong-Suk Kang and Pascal Devoyon. Lekeu's Sonata in G major and Debussy's Sonata in G minor.†
4.00 The Art of Ricardo Vines: A profile, on records, of the Spanish pianist. Works include Debussy's Poissons d'or; La soiree dans Grenade; Falla's Three Dances (El amor brujo) and Albeniz's Orientale: Seguidillas.
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: presented by Peter Clayton.†
5.45 Critic's Forum: In the chair: Alexander Walker. The panel includes Bryan Robertson and Gillian Reynolds.
6.35 English Organ Music: Simon Lindley, at the organ of Corpus Christi Church in Osmondthorpe. William Russell's Voluntary in G; and Michael Berkeley's Sonata.†
7.05 BBC Welsh Symph Orchestra Tour of Canada: with Stuart Burrows, tenor. Part one. Daniel Jones's Dance Fantasy; and Tchaikovsky's Fantasy overture Romeo and Juliet and Lensky's aria from Eugene Onegin.
7.35 The Saint: a short story by V S Pritchett.
8.10 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: part two. Schubert (Symphony No 9).†
9.05 Interpretations on Record: Trevor Harvey and the Brahms Variations on a theme of Haydn (St Anthony Chorale).†
10.00 Another World: The music of India. M S Subbulakshmi sings a variety of Carnatic or south Indian ragas. The other artists include Radha Viswanathan (singer), Kandaderi S Alaginswamy (violin) and Guruvayar Dorai (mrdangam).†
11.00 The Complete Webern: with Phyllis Bryn-Julson, soprano; and the London Sinfonietta. We hear Two Songs, Op 8; and the Symphony No 21.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

Radio 2

News on the hour until 1.00 pm and then from 6.00 pm (except 8.00 and 9.00); headlines 5.30, 6.30, 7.30 am (MF/MW).
5.0am Tony Brandon.† 7.30 David Jacobs.† 8.02 Racing Bulletin. 9.30 Sounds of the 60s with Keith Fordyce.† 10.30 Album Time with Peter Clayton.† 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.30 This Kenny Everett Show . . .† 1.00 The Gumbleweeds. 1.28 Sport on 2: Includes Racing from Sandown Park (2.00, 2.30, 4.55); 2.0 Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle, 2.30 Mecca Bookmakers' 3 year old hurdle championship. Snooker: (2.10, 3.02, 4.55). Reports from Preston on the Coral UK Championship. Football: Comprehensive coverage, incl. from 3.55 second-half commentary. 5.00 Sports Report, incl. 5.00, 5.50 Classified football results; pools news. 6.00 Country Greats in Concert. 7.00 Beat the Record. Keith Fordyce tests your musical knowledge. 7.30 Gala Concert recorded at the Spa Grand Hotel, Scarborough. 8.20-8.40 Interval. Tony Barnfield meets tonight's local personalities. 9.30 Big Band Special. The BBC Radio Big Band.† 10.00 Saturday Rendezvous.† 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.10 Steve Jones's Late Show.† 2.00-5.00 Liz Allan presents You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour until 12.30 pm, then 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 8.30, 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW).
6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00pm My Top 12. Gloria Gaynor; who is marking up yet another big success in the US with her song I Am What I Am. 2.00 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Saturday Live with Richard Skinner.† 6.30 In Concert featuring Auto Da Fe and The Call.† 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Gary Davies. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00am With Radio 2. 1.00pm With Radio 1. 7.30-5.00am With Radio 2.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1 Wales: 5.15-5.20pm Sports News Wales. 12.55am Weather for Wales. Scotland: 5.15-5.20pm Scoreboard. 10.15-10.55 Sportscene featuring Football: highlights of a Scottish Premier League match and an English First Division game. Northern Ireland: 4.55-5.05pm Northern Ireland Results (opt-out from Grandstand) 5.15-5.20 Northern Ireland News. 12.55am Northern Ireland News. England: 5.15-5.20pm London – Sport. South-West (Plymouth) – Spotlight Sport. Other English regions – Sport/Regional News.

S4C Starts 1.50pm Week in Politics. 2.30 Amateur Naturalist. 3.00 The Tube. 4.30 Utopia Ltd. 4.55 Yr Awr Fawr. 5.55 Superted. 6.05 Incredible Hulk. 7.00 Newyddion. 7.15 Satin a Sidan. 8.10 Arolwg. 8.40 Rockers. Roadshow. 9.25 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.40 Glenn Gould Plays Bach. 11.40 Worst of Hollywood: They Saved Hitler's Brain. 1.10am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Cartoon. 9.40-10.30 Tarzan. 5.05pm-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.30 Journey to the Unknown. 12.25am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Stingray, followed by Space 1999. 11.00-12.15pm Closedown. 5.05 (Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.10-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Stranglers. 12.20am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Space 1999. 10.20-10.30 Cartoon. 4.55pm-5.00 Ulster Sports results. 5.10-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Star Parade. 12.15am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am Morning Glory. 9.30 Gather Your Dreams. 10.00 TT Time. 10.05-10.30 Adventures of Gulliver. 5.05pm News. 5.10-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Rock Around Midnight. 1.10am Poet's Corner, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Green Hornet. 9.55 Wattoo, Wattoo. 10.00-10.30 Terrahawks. 5.05pm-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Kolchak: Night Stalker. 12.20am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am Wattoo, Wattoo. 9.35 Smurfs. 10.00-10.30 Mork and Mindy. 5.05pm Diff'rent Strokes. 5.35-6.00 DJ. 11.20 Roots of Rock 'n' Roll. 12.20am Showcase. 12.35 Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Vicky the Viking. 5.05pm-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Star Parade. 12.20am At the End of the Day, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am Dick Tracy. 9.30 Freeze Frame. 10.30 Champion Children of the Year. 11.00 Little House on the Prairie. 11.45-12.15pm Pruitts of Southampton. 5.05 Newsport. 5.10-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Stranglers. 12.20am Postscript, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am Storytime. 9.55-10.00 Stingray. 5.05pm-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Curling. 12.00 Late Call. 12.05am House Calls. 12.30 Closedown.

HTV As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Joe 90. 5.05-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Rugby: Newport v Bristol. 12.05am That's Hollywood. 12.35 Closedown. HTV WALES: No variations.

GRAMPIAN As London except: Starts 9.35am-10.00 Adventures of Gulliver. 5.05pm-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Johnny Mathis in concert. 12.20pm Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.20-10.30 Cartoon. 5.05pm-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 Hawaii Five-O. 12.15am Dr John and Chris Barber in Concert. 1.10 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Melotoons. 9.35 Metal Mickey. 10.00-10.30 University Challenge. 5.05pm-6.00 Knight Rider. 11.20 City of Angels. 12.15am Late night drama. 12.45 Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. * Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Sunday

BBC 1

9.00 Heads and Tails: for the toddlers (r); 9.15 Sunday Worship: Jesus and Judaism; 10.00 Asian Magazine: The plain man's guide to the world of computers (continued). Songs from Firoza Begum; 10.40 Maths Help: equations (r); 10.55 Digame!: Spanish course for beginners. Lesson 8 (r); 11.20 People First: The education of mentally handicapped children (from BBC2); 11.45 Business Club: Raising finance (r).

12.10 See Hear! For the deaf and hard of hearing. Rachel Bell and Maggie Woolley review books that are particularly suitable as Christmas gifts for deaf children(r); 12.35 The Computer Programme: the world of information science (r); 1.00 Farming; 1.25 Discovering Birds: with Tony Soper. Water, water, everywhere . . . (r); 1.50 News headlines.

1.55 Championship Snooker: Live coverage of frames 16-22 in the best-of-31 frames final of the UK Coral Championships, from Preston.

4.20 Flight of the Condor: Repeat of Michael Andrew's three award-winning films (seven awards in the US, four Bafta nominations in Britain) about the landscapes and flora and fauna of the Andes. Andrew Sachs speaks the re-written narration. The first film is called Ice, Wind and Fire (r).

5.15 Here Comes Christmas: Pupils of St Aidan's School, Harrogate, challenge the new Archbishop of York, John Habgood to defend the faith behind the festive tinsel; 5.50 News.

6.00 Jane Eyre: episode nine (of 11). Zelah Clarke has the title role, with Timothy Dalton as Mr Rochester.

6.30 Mind How You Go: Road hazards caused by weather conditions. With Jimmy Savile.

6.40 Songs of Praise: from Treorchy, South Wales.

7.15 Hi-de-Hi!: Novelty night in the holiday camp ballroom. And how an old cottage, complete with old tenant, upsets Joe Maplin's plans for expansion. With Simon Cadell.

7.45 By the Sword Divided: Civil War drama serial, episode eight. Sir Martin (Julian Glover) refuses to surrender to the forces of Parliament – and the battle of Arnescote begins in earnest.

8.40 Championship Snooker: Final nine frames of the Coral UK Championship (also at 10.55).

9.10 Film: Ransom (1974). Thriller about the hunt for a gang of British terrorists in the snows of Norway. Co-starring Sean Connery and Ian McShane. Directed by Casper Wrede. A definite 'plus' is the photography of Sven Nykvist.

10.40 News and weather for Monday.

10.55 Championship Snooker: The final few frames in the Coral UK Championship, from the Guild Hall, Preston.

12.15 Weather for Monday.

TV-am

7.25 Good Morning Britain: with David Frost who introduces today's Thought for a Sunday speaker.

7.30 Rub-a Dub-Tub: fun for the under-eights.

8.30 Good Morning Britain: David Frost again. News at 8.30 and 9.22, sport (8.35) and Clive James on the Sunday papers (8.40).

ITV/LONDON

9.25 LWT Information: What's on in the LWT area; 9.30 Herbs for All: Plants that add flavour to life (r); 10.00 Morning Worship: from St Matthew's Church, Ipswich; 11.00 Getting On: an East End of London course in home cooking for the elderly; 11.30 Consider Yourself: The two worlds of writer Leslie Thomas. With Gillian Reynolds.

12.00 Weekend World: Interview with Sir Geoffrey Howe.

1.00 Police 5: with the Yard's unofficial extra arm – Shaw Taylor; 1.15 Sharks Don't Bite: Behind-the-scenes report on the making of Jaws 3–D.

2.00 Credo: with Phillip Whitehead. The pill, teenage girls, and parents' rights.

2.30 London news headlines. Followed by: Cartoon Time.

2.45 Film: Carry on Again, Doctor (1969) Medical farce, with all the familiar Carry On faces. Kenneth Williams plays the eminent surgeon inevitably called Carver; 4.30 Terrahawks.

5.00 Bullseye: General knowledge game.

5.30 Sunday Sunday: Entertainment magazine, with American actress Jamie Leigh Curtis and Jenny Agutter among the guests. 5.30 News from ITN: 6.40 Appeal: Nannette Newman asks us to support the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital.

6.45 Highway: Harry Secombe visits Bath.

7.15 Bruce Forsyth's Play your Cards Right: The Williamses from Tuncorn take on the Kathirkamathambys from Chiswick, west London.

7.45 Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime: Tuppence and Tommy investigate the case of The Ambassador's Boots.

8.45 Hardcastle and McCormick: Gang leaders are dying mysteriously. There seems to be a link with a beautiful woman; 9.45 News from ITN.

10.00 Clive James on Television: The possible shape of British cable TV if advertisers were allowed to sponsor programmes.

10.30 The South Bank Show: Interview with one of Italy's best-known writers, Alberto Moravia some of whose books have made successful movies (Two Women, was one of them.

11.30 London news headlines. Followed by: Join us for Bridge: More hints on how to improve your game.

12.00 The Two of Us: Peter Cook in an American-made comedy series. Tonight: the insomniac. Followed by Sister Aloysius's Night Thoughts.

Alfred Brendel, who plays the E major sonata, Op 109 in the Beethoven Piano Sonatas series (BBC2, 3.25pm).

BBC 2

10.10 Open University: until 12.30pm.

2.05 Heroes: Frank Middlemass, the actor, explains why he has such a high regard for Dickens.

2.35 Horizon: Talking Turtle. How children are coping with a computer programmed with a special language – LOGO – designed specifically for learning (r).

3.25 Beethoven Piano Sonatas: Alfred Brendel plays the E major sonata, Opus 109.

3.45 The Great Palace: the Story of Parliament. The former Speaker, Lord Tonypandy (he was then plain George Thomas), describes the Speaker's function (r).

4.35 Rugby Special: Wasps versus Rosslyn Park, at Sudbury.

5.25 Ski Sunday: New series begins. Franz Klammer begins the defence of the Men's Downhill World Cup title.

6.00 News Review: with sub-titles.

6.30 The Money Programme: Why British construction companies are optimistic about their chances of success in the second phase of the battle for the North Sea oil contracts.

7.15 Around with Alliss: Peter Alliss and Stuard Young on Ganton Golf Club course.

7.45 The Natural World: Birds of Paradox. A film about birds that cannot fly (the ostrich and penguin, etc), and how they survive the handicap – or don't.

8.35 News and weather.

8.40 Did You See . . . . . ? Television discussion programme. Up for appraisal tonight: An Englishman Abroad; Q.E.D.; and The Great Palace: the Story of Westminster.

9.25 Jail Within a Jail: Forty Minutes documentary about Thanet Wing in Maidstone Prison which houses 100 of the most frightened men (mostly sex offenders) behind bars is Britain.

10.05 Mansfield Park: Penultimate episode. Henry Crawford confesses his love for Fanny.

10.55 Bette Davis season: Old Acquaintance (1943*) Overlong but stylish drama about two writers (Miriam Hopkins plays the other), once childhood friends, but now bitter rivals. Directed by Vincent Sherman. Ends at 12.50am.

CHANNEL 4

1.25 Irish Angle: A news programme from either Ulster Television or Radio Telefis Eireann.

1.55 Film: 27 Down (The Train to Benares) (1973*). Indian film, in Hindi, with English sub-titles. The story of a man (played by M. K. Raina) who, against his wishes, is made to work for Indian railways and marry a girl he does not love. With Rankhee. Directed by Awtar Kaul.

4.05 Built in Britain: A Stone's Throw from the Beach. The old buildings of north Norfolk, including a fisherman's cottage in Sheringham and 17th century Wiveton Hall.

4.30 City Priest: The spotlight is on the Rev Mano Rumalshah, Anglican vicar of St George's, Southall, from the Punjab.

5.00 News headlines. Followed by:– Book Four. Nicholas Mosley on the second volume of his biography of his father, Sir Oswald, and a discussion with fellow biographers Robert Skidelsky and Bernard Crick.

5.45 The Outsiders: John Pilger chats with Salman Rushdie, the Booker Prize-winning novelist.

6.15 American Football: Included in tonight's clashes is the one between the Denver Broncos and the San Diego Chargers.

7.15 The World at War: Part eight (of 26). The battles in North Africa, between 1940 and 1943, with the great Allied victory at El Alamein (r).

8.15 Tell the Truth: Identification game played by Sue Arnold, Gyles Brandreth, Peter Purves and Claire Rayner.

8.45 Struggle: Second episode of Peter Jenkins's political comedy series about a Socialist-controlled London council. Tonight, a rampant feminist (Joanna McCallum) organizes a sexual rehabilitation workshop for women.

9.20 People to People: The pressure that forced four South Yorkshire steel workers to leave the industry.

10.20 Murun Buchstansangur: Unconventional British cartoon, with a smelly hero.

10.25 Film: Bombshell (1933*). Jean Harlow is in sparkling form as the film star who, tired of her sexpot image, is looking for a new one. With Lee Tracy, Franchot Tone and Frank Morgan. Directed by Victor Fleming. Ends at 12.10 am.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 The Shape of God. 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday presented by Clive Jacobs.
8.50 Week's Good Cause: (Parkinson's Disease Society). 8.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 The hopes and fears of all the years. Service for the second Sunday in Advent, from the Friary of the Society of St. Francis Hilfield, Dorchester.
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 Broadcasting Tomorrow: 01-580 4411. Third of four phone-ins on the future of radio and television in Britain (3) Television.
12.30 The food programme.
1.00 World this Weekend.
2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Herefordshire.
2.30 Afternoon Theatre 'Thirteenth Night' A dream play by Howard Brenton. A radio version of Brenton's stage play that, in a surreal parody of Macbeth, offers a horror-comic vision of a totalitarian socialist state run mad. The cast includes Tom Wilkinson, Frances Tomelty, William Nighy, and Peter Woodthorpe (r).†
4.00 News; Silent Avenues of the Past. Barry Cunliffe traces the development of archaeology (last of six).
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 News; Travel.
5.05 Down Your Way visits Warminster in Wiltshire. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 News.
6.15 Feedback. Your comments about BBC tv and radio put to producers and management.
6.30 Out of the Wilderness. Vernon Sproxton talks about people who have guided him on his spiritual pilgrimage (5) Leslie Hunter.
7.00 Travel; Programme News; The Magic Carpet: seven part dramatization by David Beatty of the story of the R101 airship (2).†
7.30 Bookshelf. Radio 4's book programme. Presented Hunter Davies.
8.00 Music to Remember. Strauss, Schumann.†
8.45 A Sideways Look At . . . by Anthony Smith.
9.00 News; Sybil or The Two Nations by Benjamin Disraeli, dramatized in 6 parts (4).†9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Anyone Can Lose. Five ex-MPs talk frankly losing their seats. They are Ray Mawby (Conservative), Tom McNally (SDP), Joan Lestor, Christopher Price and Charles Morris (all Labour). All five are agreed that they will try to get back. Mr Mawby is now on the dole. Mr Morris and his wife both lost their jobs (she was his secretary). Joan Lestor runs a class for under-fives.
11.00 Before the Ending of the Day (s).
11.15 Inside Parliament. Westminster committees at work.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.
England: VHF as above except: 1.55-2.00pm Programme News.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
8.05 The English Baroque: Includes records of Boyce's anthem O where shall wisdom be found?; Geminiani's Concerto Grosso in D minor (La follia), and Stanley's Concerto Grosso in G, Op 2, No 3. Also, James Nares's Lesson No 2 in G, Op 2, No 3.†
9.00 News.
10.30 Your Concert Choice: Record selection of listeners' requests. Works by Vaughan Williams, Vierne, Bridge, and Strauss.†
10.30 Music Weekly: Introduced by Michael Oliver.
11.20 Mozart Concert in Chicago: Solti conducts the Chicago Symph Orch in Mozart's Mass in C minor, K 427. With Lucia Popp (soprano), Maria Venuti (mezzo), Daniel Nelson (tenor), Samuel Jones (bass) and the Chicago Symph Chorus; Interval reading at 12.15. Then, at 12.20, the Mozart Piano Concerto No 25, with Alicia de Lorrocha, piano.†
1.00 Schumann, Schoenberg, Smetana: Chamber music recital.†
2.00 Spohr: Notturno Op 34 for wind band and Turkish instruments.†
2.40 1983 Bayreuth Ring: Die Walkure. Wagner's three-act opera, sung in German, and conducted by Sir Georg Solti. Brunnhilde is sung by Hildegard Behrens, with Doris Soffel (as Fricka), Jeannine Altmeyer (Sieglinde), Siegfried Jerusalem (Siegmund), Mathhias Holle (Hundig) and Siegmund Nimagem (Wotan). Act one.†
3.50 A Closer Look: Vernon Scannell examines three poems by Emily Dickinson.
4.10 Die Walkure. The second act.†
5.45 The Keith Lectures 1983: The fourth of six talks on the theme of Government – and the Governed, by Sir Douglas Wass.
6.15 Die Walkure. The third and final act.†
7.30 Priaulx Rainier: Music for cello and piano, played by Joan Dickson and Joyce Rathbone. The Barbaric Dance Suite; Suite for solo cello; and Grand Duo, 1932.†
8.20 Goddy Haemel's Adventure Holiday. Play by Adolf Muschg, translated by Peter Tegel.†
9.00 Scottish Chamber Orchestra: Recorded concert. Part one. Peter Maxwell Davies's Into the Labyrinth, with Neil Mackie as solo tenor. Preceded by Mozart's Symph No 25.
9.55 An Anatomy of Jonathan Swift. David Nokes of King's College, London, reflects on the third and final volume of Irvin Ehrenpreis's biography Swift: The Man, the Works and his Age, published this week.
10.15 Scottish Chamber Orchestra: part two. Schubert's Symphony No 4 (the Tragic).†
11.00 The Complete Webern: Three Little Pieces, Op 11 for cello and piano; Three Songs, Op 18, for voice, clarinet and guitar; and Variations for piano, Op 27. With Christopher van Kampen (cello), John Constable (piano), Phyllis Bryn-Julson (soprano), Antony Pay (clarinet), Timothy Walker (guitar) and Bruno Canino (piano).†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
Open University: 7.15am Consumer Decisions; 7.35-7.55 The Pre-School Child.

Radio 2

News headlines at 6.30pm summaries on the hour (except 8.00pm).
5.00am Tony Brandon.† 7.30 Paul McDowell† with Good Morning Sunday, including 7.45 Bishop Bill Westwood. 9.00 David Jacobs with Melodies for You.† 11.00 Desmond Carrington Radio 2 All-Time Greats† including 12.02 Sports Desk. 12.30 David Hamilton with Two's Best.† 1.30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile. A seaside saga starring John Le Mesurier, Ian Lavender, Bill Pertwee. They cast off in a rubber dinghy to inspect the foundations of the pier by night. 2.00 Benny Green.† 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy.† 4.00 Sing Something Simple.† 4.30 String Sound BBC Radio Orchestra.† 5.00 The Fosdyke Saga (10). 5.15 The Flying Pickets. 5.30 Sports Desk: Charlie Chester with Your Sunday Soapbox. 6.30 The David Francis Sound. 7.00 Brain of Sport 1983. The second semi-final. 7.30 Grand Hotel. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour from Holburn West Parish Church, Aberdeen. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes with Alan Keith. 10.00 European Music Game. An international quiz.† 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.05 Steve Jones's Late Show (stereo from midnight). 2.00-5.00 Liz Allen You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour until 11.30am, then 2.30, 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW).
6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Sunday Show. 10.00 Adrian Juste. 12.00 Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 The Great Rock 'N' Roll Trivia Quiz with David Jensen. 5.00 To 40 with Tommy Vance.† 7.00 Anne Nightingale.† 9.00 Andy Peebles On Sunday.† 10.00-12.00 Sounds of Jazz.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00am With Radio 2. 5.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00am With Radio 2.

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BBC 1 WALES 1.55-4.20pm Sports line-up (followed by News Headlines) Snooker: The Coral UK Championship from Preston – Final day. Rugby Union: highlights of Cardiff v Swansea. Soccer: Weekend round-up, plus the draw for the Welsh Cup 4th round. Badminton: Welsh Open Championships – the final stages. 12.15am News of Wales. SCOTLAND: 1.25-1.50pm Can Seo. Gaelic for beginners (6). 6.40-7.15 Not A Cross Word. Two teams address themselves to ethical/religious questions under the chairmanship of Cliff Hanley. 12.15am Scottish News summary. NORTHERN IRELAND 12.15am Northern Ireland news.

S4C Starts 1.55pm Flammwyr. 2.05 Eastern Eye. 3.00 Picture of Health. 3.40 How we Learned to Ski. 4.10 Seven Days. 4.35 Basketball. 5.30 Tudor Face. 5.55 Film: Red Dust (Clark Gable). 7.20 Newyddion. 7.30 Hufen a Moch Bach. 8.00 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.50 Dechrau Canmu, Dechrau Canmol. 9.20 Interference. 9.50 World at War. 10.45 Snwcer. 11.45 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9.30-10.00 Turning Point. 11.00 Herbs for All. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 Down to Earth. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Terrahawks. 2.30 Laurel and Hardy*. 3.15-5.00 Film: Wrong Arm of the Law (Peter Sellers). 5.30-6.30 Battlestar Galactica. 12.05am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 9.25am Cartoon. 9.35-10.00 Adventures of Niko. 11.30-12.00 Herbs for All. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 West Country Farming. 2.30 Amazing Years of Cinema. 3.00 Prairie Coulee. 3.15-4.30 Film: Lacy and the Mississippi Queen (Kathleen Lloyd). 5.30-6.30 Falcon Crest. 12.00 Lost Kingdoms. 12.30am Closedown. HTV WALES: No variation.

GRAMPIAN As London except: Starts 9.45am Flora and Fauna. 10.00 Third Testament. 11.30-12.00 Herbs for All. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30 Boxing. 3.30 Love Boat. 4.30 Scotsport. 5.30 Bullseye. 6.00-6.30 Terrahawks. 12.00 Superstar Profile. 12.30am Reflections, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Border Diary. 9.30-10.00 It's a Vet's Life. 11.30-12.00 Herbs for All. 1.00pm Join Us for Bridge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30 Blockheads (Laurel and Hardy). 3.35 Little House on Prairie. 5.30-6.30 Love Boat. 11.30 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-10.00 Getting On. 11.00 Herbs for All. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00pm-1.15 Smurfs. 2.30-4.30 Film: Donovan's Reef (John Wayne). 5.30-6.30 Chips. 12.00 Five Minutes. 12.05am Jazz. 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: Starts 11.00am Getting on. 11.30-12.00 Herbs for all. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30-2.30 Farming Ulster. 2.30 Big Match. 3.15-4.30 Film: Escort for Hire. (Pete Murray). 5.30 Smurfs. 6.00-6.30 Newhart. 12.00 Sports Results. 12.05 News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30-10.00 Getting On. 11.00 Lookaround. 11.30-12.00 Herbs for all. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30 Big Match. 3.15 Extra Time. 4.00-5.00 Little House on the Prairie. 5.32-6.30 Battlestar Galatica. 12.00 Amazing Years of Cinema. 12.30 Stockton vocal union. Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25 Professor Kitzel: 9.30-10.00 Metal Mickey. 11.30-12.00 Herbs for all. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Here and now. 2.30 Squarnish Days. 3.15-5.00 Film: Going in Style – (George Burns). 5.30-6.30 Battlestar Galactica. 12.00 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Wattoo Wattoo. 11.30-12.00 Survival. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30-200 Farming Diary. 2.30 Benson. 3.00 Sunday Sportsclub. 4.00-5.00 Big Shamus, Little Shamus. 5.35-6.00 Battleston Galactia. 12.00 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Paint along with Nancy. 11.30-12.00 Herbs for All. 1.00pm At Ease. 1.25 Weather. 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary. 2.30 Cartoon. 2.45 Crime Casebook. 3.15-4.30 Film: Champ at Oxford (Laurel and Hardy).* 5.30-6.30 Chisholms. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.30am Man called Saul, Closedown.

TSW As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Getting On. 11.00 Herbs for All. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30-12.00 South West Week. 1.00pm Gardens for All. 1.30-2.00 Farming News. 2.30 Chips. 3.15 Cartoon. 3.30-4.30 We'll Meet Again. 5.30-6.30 Levkas Man. 12.00 Postscript, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Popeye. 10.00 Sesame Street. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30-12.00 About Gaelic. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Songs of Celebration. 2.30 World Famous Fairytales. 2.45 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 3.30 Terrahawks. 4.00 Bullseye. 4.30 Scotsport. 5.30-6.30 Falcon Crest. 12.00 Late Call, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.55pm-2.00 Good News. 2.30 Big match. 3.15 Cartoon. 3.30-4.30 We'll meet again. 5.30-6.30 Levakas Man. 12.00 Closedown.